

Mars Area Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

20 August 2018

The meeting was called to order by Marcy Bogdanich, President, at 7:01 p.m.

Board Members present were: Joanne Tisdale, Nancy Hudac, Steve Chadwick, Marcy Bogdanich, Nancy Mycka and Caitlyn Boland, Director. Absent was Linda Lees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Peaco, Tom Franceschina, Pat Hensel, Lois Siebert, Brian Himmelstein, Fran Martinelli, Frank Haustovich, Ruth Wilson were in attendance.

Tom Franceschina told the Board that Gary Peaco was to replace Russ Ford as the representative for Adams Township Supervisors. He indicated that the roof looks good. His main concern was the recent revision to the Bylaws submitted to the Supervisors for review.

He reiterated that each municipality wants to appoint their own Board Members and this was not reflected in the current revision. Supervisors need to answer to residents about where the money goes. He complained that the MAPL Bylaws were too lengthy and should be reduced to 2 or 3 pages, just like the Bylaws for Cranberry Township Library. He noted that the Adams Township solicitor is reviewing the Bylaws as drafted by the MAPL Board.

MAPL Director responded that Adams Township concerns were taken very seriously and the Board worked hard to produce a professional document. MAPL Board consulted with Amy Geisinger, New Castle District Library Representative, through all the revisions.

Tom Franceschina insisted that the Municipality makes the final decision on who gets to sit on the Board.

Steve Chadwick stated that the Supervisors of each municipality should give MAPL a slate of candidates that have been properly vetted and MAPL will decide who serves on the Board.

Discussion ensued over the definition of “shall attempt” written in the Bylaws. Steve Chadwick noted that this is a legal term, a “must perform”.

Frank Haustovich handed a copy of the Cranberry Township Library Bylaws to Steve Chadwick to read, stating that the MAPL Board has a “cult-like” status. He was against having any member of the Board serving 12 -to 13 years. He stated he will not tolerate MAPL Board members “not respecting our concerns”. He noted that Kim Geyer suggested that there should be 30 minutes at the end of the meeting for open discussion.

Marcy Bogdanich and Steven Chadwick reiterated that MAPL Board was trying to make things work and time was needed to make this viable. Board positions would become available through attrition. Nancy Mycka noted that at some point MAPL will come to a resolution about the Bylaws but time was needed.

MINUTES:

Steve Chadwick made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held on 7/16/18. Joanne Tisdale seconded it.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Joanne Tisdale reviewed the Treasurer's Report. MAPL was under budget due to not yet receiving State Aid. YTD puts MAPL over by \$3000. For checks over \$5000 a third signature will be required. Donations are down using a YTD comparison.

LIBRARIAN:**Events:**

Story times and fall events will start again at the beginning of September.

Mark your calendars for our local author, Linda Schmitmeyer's book release event on Saturday, September 29th 4-6pm. Book Title - Rambler: A Family Pushes Through the Fog of Mental Illness.

Odds and Ends:

Tutoring Room - Advertising in house with signs on tables typically used by tutors. The room can be reserved or is available on request. Staff is managing this with a private online calendar. We have used it several times for test proctoring already.

Shelves for hallway storage are on order from Lowes and should arrive by mid September.

DVDs - Definite increase in circulation. I hope to run a comparison report soon.

Amy Geisinger, our New Castle District representative, will be attending our September meeting.

MAPL has the capability of identifying regular donors. As a cost-cutting venture, mailers will be sent out to new patrons, regular donors, and materials available for the Welcome Wagon baskets.

BCFLS:

The next meeting will be held on 9/20/18. A new Director will be hired.

Fundraising:

Home Tour - Saturday, September 8th, 11-4pm. We still need extra volunteers.

Annual Campaign - We are working on preparing the materials. Caitlyn is suggesting sending mailers out to only the people who have donated in the past 3 years (582 individuals) as well as those who have sign-up for a Library card during the past year. To save additional costs, it was suggested that we prepared these mailers in house. The Library also hope to increase annual campaign efforts through use of social media and technology.

In the planning stages is a children's fall fashion show/luncheon with Hanna Anderson clothing line from Ross Park Mall.

BUILDING/MAINTENANCE:

Steve Chadwick indicated that the roof is completed but all gutters need to be replaced. The roof was improperly sealed causing interior ceiling leaks. In regards to the parking lot the Boro has asked us to talk to Swaney.

Joanne Tisdale inquired if a subcontractor was needed to help with social media. Elizabeth, on staff, is currently handling this job now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marcy Bogdanich recognized the generosity of Valencia Boro, and thanked Brian Himmelstein publicly. Mike Fleming has agreed to help MAPL with snow removal. This will be tabled for another month.

OLD BUSINESS:

The MAPL Bylaws are in flux and the Board is awaiting responses from all municipalities. Mars Boro will supply MAPL with a list of candidates to fill Ellen Flemma's position.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:48 pm Steve Chadwick made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Mycka seconded it.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hudac, MAPL Board Secretary