

Mars Area Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

17 September 2018

The meeting was called to order by Marcy Bogdanich, President, at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present were: Joanne Tisdale, Nancy Hudac, Steve Chadwick, Marcy Bogdanich, Nancy Mycka and Caitlyn Boland, Director. Absent was Linda Lees. Amy Geisinger, New Castle Library District, was in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Peaco, Rita Garvey, Gregg Hartung, Jen & Bob Ford, Fran Martinelli, Frank Haustovich, Fran Martinelli, Mike Fleming, Russ Ford were in attendance.

Frank Haustovich began asking questions of the Board:

1. (To Marcy Bogdanich specifically) “How long have you been on the Board?”
“How many officer’s positions have you held?”
2. “When did MAPL become a not-for-profit library?” (FH began to recite dates to answer his own question)
3. “Why did MAPL become a “not-for-profit?”
4. “Is it accurate for “not-for-profit” libraries to not disclose how the monies will be spent?”

Amy Geisinger responded that MAPL Board is operating in a traditional way for Boards. Individual Board members cannot act alone but must respond to you (the public) as a whole. Marcy Bogdanich asked Frank Haustovich to write down his questions and the Board will get back to him. Frank Haustovich raised his voice stating that he did not need to submit it in advance (“That’s the old way”). Steve Chadwick asked Frank Haustovich what it was he wanted to learn from the Board because Frank Haustovich seemed to know the answers to his own questions. There were back and forth comments between Frank Haustovich and Steve Chadwick. Marcy Bogdanich brought the lively discussion under control. Frank Haustovich was asked to submit his questions to the Board & answers will follow at the next meeting.

Russ Ford spoke as a private citizen. He wanted those in attendance to know that he and Mike Flemming have helped to support MAPL and will continue to support

MAPL going forward. Both want to pull together the municipalities rather than pull them apart. He was not on the Adams Township Board of Supervisors when discussions took place to put the MAPL in the park. Future decisions will be made based upon all the votes of the Adams Township Supervisors.

MINUTES:

Steve Chadwick made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held on 8/20/18. Joanne Tisdale seconded it.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Joanne Tisdale reviewed the financial report. There were no material variances and the month was close to budget. Expense variance was under budget \$(26,228.00). Financials at the end of next month will be more in depth.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Events:

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month.

Regular story times resumed last week. Afterschool Book Club starts again this Thursday

STEAM Saturday - this Sept 22nd - Optical Illusions

Adult Craft Night - Wednesday, Sept 26th - Halloween Candles

Book Launch Party - "Rambler: A Family Pushes Through the Fog of Mental Illness" by Linda K. Schmitmeyer. Sept 29th at 4pm

Storytime at the Firestation - Wednesday Oct 3 in honor of Fire prevention week.

Friends of the Library Book Sale - Saturday, October 6th 10am - 6pm

Not a Library program but as of this week, we are the location for the BC3 Adult Literacy ESL classes. These are free classes offered to the public and with the increasing diversity in the area, I think its exciting that we can say that this is being held at our location.

Other October Special Events in addition to the regularly scheduled activities:

Presentation on Essential Oils
Western PA Paranormal Society

Halloween Party

Odds and Ends:

Summer Quest Program Evaluation for the State
1897 participated. MAPL numbers are increasing from last year.

Tutoring Room - Being used and reserved on a daily basis.

DVDs - Free DVDs= boost in circulation. We were averaging 50-70 checkouts per month when we were charging. This past month we checked out 220 DVDs!

BCFLS:

No new news to report.

PERSONNEL:

Caitlyn Boland will take maternity leave. Events have been planned in her absence. Scott Donnolly, a STEAM Educator, will lead several activities.

FUND RAISING:

MAPL Annual Campaign letter is being drafted now. The Home Tour was a success despite the weather with 90 participants (\$1300 deposited). 3 Houses have signed on to be a part of next year's Home Tour. The Hanna Andersson Fashion Show is scheduled for 2/9/18 at Wildwood Golf Club from 11-2:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amy Geisinger handed out information explaining how Pennsylvania has divided their Libraries into 29 geographic regions called districts. The New Castle Library District encompasses 4 counties. Independent Libraries and Federated Library Systems were outlined. District Library services were outlined if certain minimum standards were maintained by member libraries along with Member Library responsibilities. She felt that MAPL was listening to and reaching out to their community. Staff development or a Board Retreat to help with strategic planning is an available service.

Snow removal will be handled by the Mars Boro. Mike Flemming indicated that sidewalks will be included. Early October will see street paving & a brief but limited access may occur.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAPL has received formal feedback from Mars Boro regarding the proposed change to the Bylaws. MAPL is waiting for Valencia Boro, Middlesex and Adams Townships to respond. The Board Member search continues for Mars Boro.

Joanne Tisdale asked if the parking lot will be re-paved and lined. Steve Chadwick indicated that this will need to be discussed next year due to weather.

There was a motion to adjourn by Nancy Mycka. Joanne Tisdale seconded it.

The next meeting date is scheduled for Monday October 15, 2018 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Hudac

Board Secretary