

Mars Area Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes: March 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Ellen Flemma, President.

Board Members present were Ellen Flemma, Linda Lees, Marcy Bogdanich, Steve Chadwick, Joanne Tisdale, Nancy Mycka, Nancy Hudac, and Caitlyn Boland, MAPL Director.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Watson, 149 Forsythe Rd, Mars, PA  
Rita Garvey, PO Box 515, Mars, PA 16046  
Michael Harshman, PO Box 421, Mars, PA 16046  
John Hart

MINUTES:

Linda Lees made a motion to approve minutes from Board Meeting held on 2/20/18. Marcy Bogdanich seconded it. Aye vote passed.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Joanne Tisdale reviewed the financial report noting that MAPL was \$66,000 over budget due to the State aide that was not received on time. The Asset Report was reviewed. The Treasurer recommended that MAPL move \$100,000 into another interest bearing account, such as a CD. She will investigate the best option. If there were a shortfall, MAPL could pull from their savings account.

Motion to approve was made by Marcy Bogdanich. Linda Lees seconded it.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

New Director Orientation gave MAPL Director an opportunity to network with other Library Directors to discuss funding, education and

support. An overview of the PA Public Library Code, Keystone and LSTA were presented.

Past Events were discussed. Read Across America was a success. The Friends of the Library gave each child a drawstring bag. STEAM weekend was a lot of fun and well attended. Next event scheduled for 4/21/18 will be Oil Spill Pollution.

Upcoming Events were reviewed. Book Sale is scheduled 3/23-24/18. One Book Every Young Child Author Visit is scheduled 4/12/18, presenting Zac O'Hara's My Cousin Momo. Overdrive: E Book Borrowing for Beginners is scheduled 4/11/18. Daddy Daughter Day is scheduled 4/21/18.

Summer Reading Program is currently being planned with a kickoff set for 6/11/18. Summer carnivals in Seven Fields and Adams Township will have MAPL presence.

The Annual Report was approved by the District. MAPL Director and staff will attend Public Library Association Conference 3/22-24/18 in Philadelphia.

Personnel: a staff member will be having ankle surgery and be unable to work from 3/20-4/20/18.

#### BCFLS REPORT:

Marcy Bogdanich reported. A reorganization meeting with election of officers was held. A representative is mandated to attend each BCFLS meeting. There will be a new Library facility in Petrolia. A backup Board Member should be selected to attend BCFLS if needed.

#### PERSONNEL:

The Committee is working on the Employee Handbook.

#### FUNDRAISING:

The committee will assess the community needs through a survey. MAPL needs to have cash reserve to cover maintenance and new acquisitions. We cannot count on Adams Township to cover MAPL all the time. Monies from other Boroughs and Townships are not reliable.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Harshman and John Hart reviewed the bid for roof repair and total replacement. Repairs were bid at \$10,5090. Full replacement was quoted at \$35,000. Steve Chadwick had received the full written bid. Discussion ensued.

NASA hopes to be involved with Mars Borough again through the Mars New Year 2019 Celebration. A Kick Off dinner is to be scheduled.

Adams Township Supervisors made MAPL aware of Frank Haustovich, DVM concerns regarding MAPL financial statements and the By-laws revision. MAPL members will attend the Adams Township meeting on 3/26/18 to explain that an independent audit was conducted. There were higher professional fees last year due to architects, attorneys and subcontractor fees. The MAPL Director reported that she attempted to resolve his issues through a phone conversation but Dr. Haustovich hung up on her. The MAPL Board wondered why he took his concerns to the Adams Township Supervisors because his questions could not be answered there and should be addressed to the MAPL Board of Directors. MAPL will send a written letter to all service area Supervisors addressing these concerns.

Dr. Haustovich was not in attendance but sent Rita Garvey in his place to hand out to new Board members binders outlining in pictorial detail what he considered to be sufficient upgrades to the MAPL as well as copies of petitions and a letter from the County Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT:

Steve Chadwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. It was seconded by Linda Lees.

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled on 4/16/18 at 5:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hudac, Board Secretary