

Mars Area Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes: April 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Ellen Flemma, President.

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

Absent: Nancy Mycka

ATTENDANCE: Rita Garvey, PO Box 515, Mars, PA 16046

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rita Garvey asked if the Library had any E Books and if the roof leak had been resolved. The Director informed her that instruction was recently held on E Books. The roof bids will be discussed during this meeting.

MINUTES:

Linda Lees made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting held on 3/19/18. Steve Chadwick seconded it. Aye vote passed.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

Caitlyn Boland discussed National Library Week and how MAPL celebrated it. Fines were reduced. Mars Centennial School will celebrate it by insuring all 5th & 6th grade students have Library cards. The recent author visit was discussed. 100 attended including 27 families. It was a great success. Several Early Learning Stations were set up. The Book Sale generated \$1800 and 46 boxes were to be sold online. The Friends of the Library are planning a Home Tour in the Fall. The Friends of the Library are asking to have electricity put in the back room where they store used books. Discussion centered around the musty smell. AARP completed 170 tax returns for residents. Upcoming spring time events include the Daddy-daughter event and the Mars Rocket Launch with NASA. Little Free Library kiosks were discussed. The summer kick-off is scheduled for June 11. Adams Township Community Day will include MAPL support. Master Gardeners have planted flowers in front off the Library.

A formal motion was made by Steve Chadwick to extend electricity into the back room used by the Friends of the Library. Linda Lees seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

BCFLS REPORT:

Marcy Bogdanich reported. On 4/18/18 election of officers will be held. A representative is mandated to attend each BCFLS meeting. A backup Board Member should be selected to attend BCFLS if needed. Steve Chadwick will be Marcy Bogdanich's backup if she is unable to attend.

BUILDING/GROUNDS:

Steve Chadwick reported on the status of the bids for the roof. MAPL is not in a position to confirm bids at this point. MAPL would pursue a comprehensive short-term fix to the roof. Repairs should last 5-10 years. MAPL should consider applying for the Keystone Grant that is due June 15th. Discussion ensued. Ellen Flemma will send the grant application to Steve Chadwick. He will unofficially consult with colleagues regarding nonprofit fund raising limitations. Consensus was MAPL should apply for Keystone Grant..

PERSONNEL:

The Committee continues to work on the Employee Handbook. Staff member due back from sick leave 5/1/18. Two part-time employees are graduating from high school.

FUNDRAISING:

The MAPL Needs Assessment Survey is finished and will be posted on the website tomorrow. A copy will be sent to all municipalities. Copies will be brought to the Adams Township Supervisors meeting this month.

A Farm to Table dinner is being planned that will have a literary theme. Time and date to be determined.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Joanne Tisdale reviewed the financial report. Marcy Bogdanich made a motion to approve. Seconded by Steve Chadwick. A Kick Start or Go Fund Me Page was discussed. Steve Chadwick will unofficially consult with colleagues regarding nonprofit fund raising law.

OLD BUSINESS:

Names need to be changed on bank accounts. Linda Lees should be added. Marcy Bogdanich made a motion to approve Linda Lees. Joanne Tisdale seconded it. The Safety Deposit box also requires a name change. Discussion ensued regarding whose names are on it. The Director will contact previous Board Members to verify this. A motion was made to remove previous names and identify Caitlyn Boland, Joanne Tisdale and Steve Chadwick as recognized signatories.

Ellen Flemma brought in a newspaper article (Mike Lynch column) on Mars. The planet will be the closest to earth this summer. Discussion ensued about planning an event around this.

Discussion began about a 40 acres parcel of land. Unresolved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ellen Flemma made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. It was seconded by Steve Chadwick.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled on 5/21/18 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hudac, Board Secretary