



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS FOR ALL

Morris Area Public Library
April 10, 2023
Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm
Morris Area Public Library Conference Room

Minutes-

1. Call to Order at 6:33 P.M.
 - a. Roll Call- Cummings, Davy, Dergo, Keavney, Minett and Porth were present. Also present were Library Director Mai and guests: Burton, Christensen, Dergo, Ebert and Peterson.
2. Retirement of Board member
 - a. Jo Dergo retired after 26 years of service on the Library Board. She was gifted a lovely scarf with book images and a book necklace with her initials and a thank you card.
 - b. Jo Dergo and Geoff Dergo left the meeting at 6:44 P.M.
3. Swearing in of new board members
 - a. A motion was made to appoint Peterson and Ebert to a 1 month MAPLD board position. Motioned by Minett and seconded by Cummings. Approved 5-0.
 - b. Peterson and Ebert were sworn in. They will be sworn in again next month for their full terms of service after the election results are certified.
4. Review of the Agenda for Additions/Changes.
 - a. Discussion on Auditors for the upcoming year to be added to unfinished business.
5. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment
 - a. None
6. Minutes from the previous regular meeting
 - a. A motion was made to approve the March 13, 2023 General Board Meeting Minutes. Cummings moved to approve meeting minutes and Minett seconded. Approved 7-0.
7. Director's Report
 - a. The library will look into offering Electronic License Service to our patrons.
 - b. A Patron expressed concern about an incident that occurred in 2019. The board would have liked to have been informed at the time of the incident. But as it occurred 4 years ago, with employees who are no longer working at the library, there is nothing that can be done.
 - c. The Library road trip is underway. The number of libraries involved has increased from 11 to 17.
 - d. Libraries at Goold Park will be occurring every 4th Friday of the month from May to September. The first movie is E.T. the Extra Terrestrial. The library will have staff set up the projector and do an introduction. There will also be passive crafts and green screen photo opportunities at the library related to each movie.
 - e. Grumpy Old Men Musical has a new date of Friday, May 19.
 - f. The teen bus trip to see Comedy of Errors was a success.
 - g. Fine Free will begin on May 1.
 - h. The numbers for the last month were good.
 - i. The outdoor clock has been fixed and the time has been corrected by the City.
 - j. We have hired a new staff member, Gutierrez.
 - k. Sandoval will be reviewing and correcting the layout of the policy manual. This is to make sure that there are consistent and matching margins. This will not change, alter or adjust the text or verbage. The policy will not be changed.
 - l. Saturday, May 20, is Trustee Day and there is a program from 10 - 12. This is a valuable learning opportunity for all board members.
 - m. National Library Week is April 23 - 29. This is a time to celebrate and promote library usage.

8. President's Report
 - a. Remember everyone needs to get in the Economic Interest letters before the deadline.
 - b. Legislation that requires libraries to adopt language and policy that protects against censorship has been passed by the house and is currently waiting in the State Senate for a vote. The Morris Area Library already has such verbiage in place.
9. Vice President's Report
 - a. As we plan the new building addition, the library should consider a way to honor Coulthard for his very generous donation. Suggestions include, a possible World Map as the floor in the entryway, a special collection area for travel books, adding a collection/ Display of Maps or Globes to the library.
10. Financial Report
 - a. Motion was made to accept the March Financial reports as presented in the board packet. Motioned by Cummings and seconded by Davy. Approved 7-0.
11. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee
 - i. Auditor bids will be made available to new trustees to review for next month.
 - ii. Work will continue on creating an insurance table.
 - b. Technology Committee
 - i. The library is looking forward to TBS coming in.
 - ii. The library is also looking into getting laptops for patrons to use in the library.
 - c. Strategic Plan Committee
 - i. A motion was made to accept the vision and mission statements. Motioned by Minett and seconded by Keavney. Approved 7 - 0.
 - ii. A meeting will be held on May 15 at 5:15 to start working on the libraries goals
 - iii. Vision Statement: The vision of the Morris Area Public Library District is to be an informed and engaged community embracing the opportunity to recreate and learn through literacy, meaningful experiences and from one another.
 - iv. Mission Statement: Our mission is to provide materials, programming and space to cultivate curiosity, enlighten the mind, and strengthen the community.
 - d. Personnel Committee
 - i. None
 - e. Policy Committee
 - i. None
 - f. Facilities Committee
 - i. The Director is looking into having the Bathroom doors refinished. The bathrooms would be closed for about a week but patrons can use the bathrooms near the Children's Department..
 - g. Ad Hoc Construction Committee
 - i. The committee met last week and had a number of questions for the Owner's Representative.
12. Unfinished Business
 - a. Selection of new Auditors will be brought up for a vote in the May meeting.
 - b. The Decennial Committee still needs two community members to participate. The first meeting will be held before the May 8 board meeting at 6 P.M.
13. New Business
 - a. None
14. Executive Session
 - a. None
15. Action on Executive Session
 - a. None
16. Other
 - a. None
17. Adjournment - Time 7:45- Cummings motioned to adjourn, seconded by Keavney. Approved 7-0.

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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_____ Angelique Minett, Board Secretary