

## MAPL June Board Packet - 06/09/25



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOOKS FOR ALL

**Morris Area Public Library**  
**June 9, 2025**  
**Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Morris Area Public Library Conference Room**

Minutes-

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
  - a. Called to order at 6:30 P.M.
  - b. Roll Call: Cummings, Geiger, Keavney, Keegan and Russell were present
  - c. A motion was made by Geiger and seconded by Russell to allow Ebert to join the meeting remotely. Peterson was absent
  - d. Library Interim Director Barowsky was present and guests Berndt and Burton
- 2. Review of Agenda for Additions/ Changes**
  - a. A motion was made by Cummings and seconded by Geiger to move the Executive Session back where it belongs on the Agenda. 6-0
- 3. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment**
  - a. Attorney sent a memorandum on Illinois House Bill 1910
  - b. Burton said she handed out thank you cards to people that have made donations
- 4. Minutes from previous meeting**
  - a. Cummings motioned to approve May minutes and Geiger seconded. 6-0
- 5. Directors Interim Report**
  - a. We had Nettle Creek School take a field trip to the library in May
  - b. Our library has some incredible volunteers that helped to decorate for our Summer Adventure Program and also worked in our garden area
  - c. Movies in the Park, co-sponsored with the City of Morris, begins this month on June 27. We will be showing Mary Poppins
  - d. In May, we had a new program Free Comic Book Day that was very well received. We had over 70 stop in for their free comic book and many this was their first time to the library
  - e. We also started our Summer Adventure Program on May 27. As of June 1st, we have 140 registered and 3 patrons have already turned in their first log (which is 20 adventures)
  - f. Our Wednesday morning storytime has moved outdoors (weather permitting) to Chapin Park. We also have 2 other Park storytimes, June 13 at Goodwill Park and June 27 at Lions Park
  - g. We have a bus trip on Friday, June 6 to the Art Institute of Chicago. As of June 1, we have 26 registered to attend
  - h. We will be hosting an indoor air balloon experience on Saturday, June 21 from 1-3 PM. This will include a photo Op and brief presentation
  - i. Nationally recognized Juggling Storyteller Chris Fascione will be here for a special event on Saturday, June 28 at 1PM
  - j. May Program results are in
  - k. Construction fence should be going up June 10-11 and the abatement should start on or near June 12
  - l. We are interviewing for a new hire for Patron Services Associate. We have one new hire in May and Murray has stepped up and taken over training new staff. We are updating many of the Patron Services Procedures, especially as things are moving in the library
  - m. Many staff members have commented they appreciate seeing Board Members stopping in and using the library
  - n. Board has questions regarding staff email
- 6. Presidents Report**
  - a. Keavney thanked Barowsky for all that she is doing and it isn't going unnoticed. Keavney attended the first storytime and really enjoyed it and is excited about the programs
- 7. Vice Presidents Report**

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- a. Cummings motioned and Geiger seconded to look into board training, possibly Cohn's \$800 3 hour workshop that covers Open Meeting Act and Rules and Responsibilities.
- b. Cummings amended her previous motion and Geiger seconded to look into options for training and have it scheduled by August 15, 2025. 6-0
- c. The Board stated the grounds need professionals to come in and do regular maintenance and staff should not be doing any yard work. Cummings motioned and Geiger seconded to have Barowsky create a task list and look into hiring a landscaper for the library grounds. 6-0

### 8. Financial Reports

- a. Motion to accept the May financial reports as presented was made by Geiger and seconded by Keegan. 6-0

### 9. Committee Reports

- a. **Finance Committee (Geiger)**
  - i. Geiger would like a vendor list with a brief explanation for the Board
- b. **Technology Committee (Ebert)**
  - i. Meeting June 26 @ 2PM with Sargent
- c. **Strategic Plan Committee (Keavney)**
  - i. On hold
- d. **Personnel Committee (Keavney)**
  - i. Next meeting is July 17 @ 12 PM
- e. **Policy Committee (Cummings)**
  - i. Next meeting is July 10 @ 12 PM - tentative
- f. **Facilities Committee (Russell)**
  - i. Creating a spreadsheet based on the facilities report from 2020 and updating what has been done
- g. **Ad hoc Construction Committee (Mai)**
  - i. Construction fence should be up June 10 or 11 and we had a sign made to place on the fence. Abatement will follow. Construction meeting will be held every other Thursday starting July 3

### 10. Unfinished business

### 11. New Business

- a. Ebert said to be in compliance with the policy manual each committee needs at least 3 people

### 12. Executive Session

- a. A motion to go into Executive Session was motioned at 7:44 PM by Cummings and seconded by Geiger 6-0

Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 102/2: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 102/3: the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given the power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office when the public body is given the power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

### 13. Action on Executive Session

- a. No action was taken
- b. Cummings motioned to leave the Executive Session at 8:42 PM and Keegan seconded. 6-0

### 14. Other

- a. None

### 15. Adjournment - At 8:43 PM Russell motioned to adjourn and Geiger seconded. 6-0

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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\_\_\_\_\_, Board Secretary

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