

MAPL May Board Packet - 05/12/25



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS FOR ALL

Morris Area Public Library
May 12, 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 6:32 P.M.
 - b. Roll Call: Cummings, Geiger, Keavney, Keegan and Peterson and were all present with Ebert being remote. Davy was absent
 - c. Library Director Mai present and guests Barowsky, Berndt, Burton, Murray and Russell
- 2. Swearing in of Trustees**
 - a. Geiger, Keegan and Russell were all sworn in and Russell introduced herself to everyone
- 3. Staff Introduction - Megan Murray - Children's Department**
 - a. Murray spoke about her job and how she has made the Children's section have more space and brought in toys that she rotates out. She has implemented new programs that the children seem to really enjoy.
 - b. Murray is also the head of the Passport's
- 4. Review of Agenda for Additions/ Changes**
 - a. A motion was made by Cummings and seconded by Geiger to add to the Agenda as 6.5 to elect Officers 7-0
- 5. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment**
 - a. None
- 6. Minutes from previous meeting**
 - a. Geiger motioned to approve April minutes and Cummings seconded 7-0
 - i. **6.5** - A motion was made to nominate Keavney as President by Cummings and seconded by Geiger 7-0
 - ii. A motion was made to nominate Cummings for Vice President by Keegan and seconded by Geiger 7-0
 - iii. Cummings motioned to nominate Geiger as Treasurer and Keegan seconded 7-0
 - iv. A motion was made to nominate Keegan as Secretary by Cummings and seconded by Geiger 7-0
- 7. Directors Report**
 - a. We have posters with QR Codes throughout the library, programming space and basement. It directs patrons to a short survey about how our programs are, what they would like to see and any comments they might have. Cummings would like to see this added to our website
 - b. Upcoming programs are SAP that starts on May 27th, this year's theme is Level Up. Keavney says the window decorations are amazing. Cummings wants a bigger sign outside for the event. Library Fare May 20th and we will be making Deviled Eggs
 - c. Program number results were all wonderful again
 - d. We are waiting to have the Morris Woman's Group name added to our mural
 - e. New improved breakroom for our staff, it was painted and redecorated. Lockers were moved to the basement
 - f. FY 26 Board Meeting dates and Closure dates
 - i. A motion was made to accept the FY 26 dates with the exception of changing the January one to the twelfth. Cummings motioned and Geiger seconded 7-0
 - ii. Cummings motioned to accept the Closure dates with 2 changes for Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving. It was seconded by Keegan 7-0
 - g. Mai will be out starting May 30, 2025 and Karen Barowsky will be in charge
- 8. Presidents Report**
 - a. None
- 9. Vice Presidents Report**
 - a. Wants to look into getting a mowing and weed person for next year
- 10. Financial Reports**
 - a. Motion to accept the April financial reports was made by Keegan and seconded by Cummings 7-0

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11. Committee Reports

- a. **Finance Committee (Geiger)**
- b. **Technology Committee (Ebert)**
 - i. None
- c. **Strategic Plan Committee (Keavney)**
 - i. Had to cancel last meeting next one is June 9, 2025 at 5:15 pm
- d. **Personnel Committee (Keavney)**
 - i. Next meeting is May 28, 2025 at 5:00 pm
- e. **Policy Committee (Cummings)**
 - i. A motion to accept the two policies and two addendums with changes to N. from 6 to 4 was made by Cummings and seconded by Geiger 7-0
 - ii. Next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2025 at 12:00 pm
- f. **Facilities Committee (Russell)**
 - i. None
- g. **Ad hoc Construction Committee (Mai)**
 - i. Construction should start in roughly a month with a rough estimate of a year. First step is the abatement of the North Street house

12. Unfinished business

13. New Business

14. Executive Session

- a. A motion to go into Executive Session was motioned at 7:32 pm by Cummings and seconded by Geiger 7-0

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.

15. Action on Executive Session

- a. No action was taken
- b. Geiger motioned to leave the Executive Session at 8:38 PM and Cummings seconded. 7-0

16. Other

- a. None

17. Adjournment - At 8:39 PM Keegan motioned to adjourn and Cummings seconded. 7-0

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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_____, Board Secretary