

## MAPL August Board Packet - 08/11/25



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOOKS FOR ALL

**Morris Area Public Library**  
**August 11, 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: Ebert, Geiger, Keavney, Keegan, Peterson, and Russell were present. Cummings was absent
  - c. Library Director Mai was present and guests Berndt, Burton and Eallonardo
- 2. Review of Agenda for Additions/ Changes**
- 3. Ad hoc Construction Committee (Mai) - 10. g. was moved up so Eallonardo could update the project**
  - a. Phase 1 is set to start early but no date yet
  - b. The Mason should be starting just prior to the next Board meeting
  - c. There was some unsuitable soil in the grass area for the new footings. They had to dig deeper and went as far down as 14ft. which was still black dirt. May exceed \$10k
  - d. Will get credit on the basement door
  - e. Brick manhole needs to be raised up and they are working with Public Works to figure it out
- 4. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment**
  - a. A patron thanked us for all our Programs and for having so many senior options
  - b. Keavney enjoyed our table at the National Night Out event
- 5. Minutes from previous meeting**
  - a. Keegan motioned to accept July minutes and Geiger seconded
- 6. Directors Report**
  - a. Our 2025 Cultural Event is Friday August 15, 2025 from 6:30-8:00pm. We have a DJ playing Disney Cartoon and movie music. There will be give away bags for the first 100 attendees
  - b. Following the event will be the Movie in the Park showing Disney's Frozen Sing-along version
  - c. Our second annual Art Show is showcasing Renaissance Art
  - d. Next year the theme will be the 250 year anniversary of the Declaration of Independence
  - e. Upcoming programs also include Amish Bread and the October bus trip to see Come From Away
  - f. Program numbers were very exceptional with 105 programs and 1746 attendees
  - g. Only one company handed in a bid so we plan to try again in the fall
  - h. Currently there are two staff members interested in ILA, hoping to get a couple more
  - i. We would like to be closed on the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Corn Fest. We are already closed that Sunday. We would like to have an all staff meeting on Wednesday September 24, 2025 at the Seneca Library from 11:30-7:30pm with a meal provided. This gives Narvick Brothers the opportunity to start on the interior of the main building. Ebert motioned to close the Library Wednesday September 24 through Saturday September 27, 2025 during Corn Fest with paid training and paid days off. Geiger seconded the motion 6-0
  - j. We are beginning to interview for our open Patron Services Supervisor position and still accepting applications
  - k. Back of House staff is scheduled to move their offices to the basement on Tuesday September 23, 2025. They will remain down there until the main floor reopens
  - l. Trustee training is scheduled for Thursday August 14, 2025 from 5-8pm. Meals will be provided from Naf Naf
  - m. Mai would like to move ahead and purchase five tablets for Trustees to use during meetings. We will still email out the packets the Friday prior to the meetings. Trustees that prefer the printed paper packets can, we will only print what is needed.
  - n. ILA Conference is October 14-16, 2025. That Friday October 16, 2025 is Trustee day with many programs focusing on Trustee roles. Please let Mai know if you would like to attend

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- o.** In June there were concerns that the right front door was not working properly. It was checked out by Gordon and Backus and found to be in working condition
- p.** Illinois Local Library Act HB1910 "Opioid Antagonist Amendment" is waiting on Governor Pritzker's desk. It will require libraries to have Narcan available and have at least one staff member trained to administer Narcan on duty all open hours.

### **7. Presidents Report**

- a.** None

### **8. Vice Presidents Report**

- a.** None

### **9. Financial Reports**

- a.** Motion to accept the July financial reports as presented was made by Geiger and seconded by Ebert. 6-0

### **10. Committee Reports**

#### **a. Finance Committee (Geiger)**

- i.** Training will give a better understanding of reports

#### **b. Technology Committee (Ebert)**

#### **c. Strategic Plan Committee (Keavney)**

- i.** Next meeting will be August 27, 2025 at 5:00pm

#### **d. Personnel Committee (Keavney)**

#### **e. Policy Committee (Cummings)**

- i.** We ordered to privacy screens for the patron computers
- ii.** A motion was made to accept the Policy changes with emails by Russell and seconded by Geiger
- iii.** Mai has a meeting scheduled with IT Sargent regarding emails on August 14, 2025

#### **f. Facilities Committee (Russell)**

#### **g. Ad hoc Construction Committee (Mai)**

- i.** Moved to 3. for this meeting

### **11. Unfinished business**

### **12. New Business**

### **13. Executive Session**

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.

### **14. Action on Executive Session**

### **15. Adjournment** - At 7:31pm Peterson motioned to adjourn and Geiger seconded

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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