

MAPL July Board Packet - 07/14/25



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS FOR ALL

Morris Area Public Library
July 14, 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, Keegan, Peterson and Russell were present
 - c. A motion was made by Keegan and seconded by Russell to allow Ebert and Geiger to join the meeting remotely. Keavney was absent 4-0
 - d. Library Director Mai was present and guests Berndt, Burton and Sandoval
- 2. Review of Agenda for Additions/ Changes**
- 3. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment**
 - a. Easter Seals of Joliet mailed a handwritten Thank You note
 - b. Alexi Giannoulis mailed a letter stating we would be getting \$27,898.15 for our Per Capita Grant
- 4. Minutes from previous meeting**
 - a. Keegan motioned to accept June minutes and Russell seconded 6-0
- 5. Directors Interim Report**
 - a. Our first Movies in the Park with the City of Morris was on June 27. We had 40 people attend and Mai was able to facilitate the event. The next one is July 18
 - b. Mai interviewed on the radio regarding our expansion on June 25
 - c. Our Summer Adventure Program has been well received. As of June 30, we have had 304 registered and 146 adventure logs have been turned in by 85 patrons
 - d. We have a bus trip on Friday July 18 to the Lincoln Park Zoo. As of June 30, there are 46 registered
 - e. Our Annual Cultural Event is planned for Friday, August 15. This year Mai has a Cartoon Classic Sing-Along followed by Movies in the Park showing Frozen Sing-Along version
 - f. We will be hosting an Art Exhibit of Renaissance artists from a private collector on Saturday August 16 during the Liberty Arts Festival
 - g. Program numbers all look really good
 - h. Board members should have received an email with the requested information on Trustee Training
 - i. We created a draft for a Landscaping Task List per Board last month but only had one Landscaper come out for a quote
 - j. We had issues with our AC which resulted in a few minor repairs on two separate calls. They did recommend an annual maintenance schedule. Information was forwarded to the Facilities chair
 - k. Construction is due to start the week of July 7, 2025
 - l. Barowsky wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as the Interim Director while Mai was out. She is due to return the week of July 7, 2025
 - m. We have hired a new person for Patron Services Associate position and they have begun training
 - n. We are continuing to update many of the Patron Services Procedures
 - o. Geiger motioned to accept and adopt Ordinance No. 25-071425rm Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Ebert seconded 6-0
- 6. Presidents Report**
 - a. None
- 7. Vice Presidents Report**
 - a. None
- 8. Financial Reports**
 - a. Motion to accept the June financial reports as presented was made by Geiger and seconded by Keegan. 6-0
- 9. Committee Reports**

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- a. Finance Committee (Geiger)**
 - i. Budget vs. Appropriation Ordinance - see under 5. o.
- b. Technology Committee (Ebert)**
 - i. Staff Email Procedure
- c. Strategic Plan Committee (Keavney)**
- d. Personnel Committee (Keavney)**
- e. Policy Committee (Cummings)**
- f. Facilities Committee (Russell)**
- g. Ad hoc Construction Committee (Mai)**
 - i. Building is down as of today
 - ii. One of the family members from the house wants the backdoor
 - iii. Next Construction meeting is Thursday, July 17, 2025

10. Unfinished business

- a. Request for Collection Reconsideration**
 - i. Per Policy and ALA this is determined by the legal guardian
 - ii. Geiger motioned to the Request for Collection Reconsideration that it not be removed from our collection and Keegan seconded 6-0

11. New Business

12. 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.

13. Action on Executive Session

14. Adjournment - At 7:13 PM Peterson motioned to adjourn and Geiger seconded 6-0

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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_____, Board Secretary