

MAPL September Board Packet - 09/08/25



MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOOKS FOR ALL

**Morris Area Public Library
September 08, 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 6:34 P.M.
- b. Roll Call: Cummings, Ebert, Geiger, Keavney, Peterson, and Russell were present. Keegan was absent
- c. Library Director Mai was present with guests Berndt and Burton

2. B & A Ordinance Hearing

- a. **Roll Call Vote**
 - i. Move to approve Budget & Appropriation Ordinance was made by Keavney and seconded by Geiger
6-0

3. Review of the Agenda for Additions/Changes

4. Correspondence, Communications, and Public Comment

- a. The person that asked for the Request for Collection Reconsideration in June filled out 16 more requests
- b. We received a Subpoena but our camera recordings did not go back that far
- c. There was some discussion on a Facebook group called Talk of the Town Morris regarding two sex offenders being in the library. One was present in the Children's Department so a policy needs to be written

5. Minutes from previous meeting

- a. Keavney motioned to accept August minutes as presented and Geiger seconded

6. Directors Report

- a. Our 2025 Cultural Event was a huge success. There were close to 200 people in attendance. The community feedback has been very complimentary
- b. Freedom of Information Act is attached for our webpage
- c. Laurie Offerman and Mai will be hosting a Radio Bookclub on WCSJ. It will start airing on the first Wednesday in October at 6:30 pm and again on Sundays before their church program. It is called New - True and in the RearView
- d. We will be closed Wednesday- Sunday during Corn Fest for construction
- e. There is a programming hiatus in September
- f. Upcoming programs include a bus trip - Come From Away on October 1, 2025. On October 11, 2025 there is Poetry in the Cemetery and on October 2, 2025 is a Medicare presentation
- g. August program numbers were all excellent
- h. Lori Werden from the City of Morris said we do not have to move the manhole. We are able to tie into the existing sewer line in the back. We do not have to dig up North Street to go across which is a big cost saving
- i. We are running a background check on a promising candidate for Patron Services Supervisor. She would not start until October but would attend the all staff training day in September
- j. Effective September 24, five staff members will be relocated to the basement for the duration of construction. Cataloging, Programming, Marketing, Bookkeeper and Director.
- k. Mai will be out of the library September 16-21, 2025. Mai will be attending Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference
- l. Trustee training was well received

7. Presidents Report

- a. A motion was made by Keavney and seconded by Ebert to change the current Board Committee structure
- b. Committees that will merge are as follows
 - i. Facilities and Technology - Ebert and Russell
 - ii. Personnel and Policy - Cummings and Keavney
 - iii. Strategic - Keavney

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iv. Finance - Geiger

8. Vice Presidents Report

- a. It is World Literacy Day and Cummings read an excerpt about using digitalization safely and appropriately

9. Construction Update - Eallonardo

- a. Unable to make this meeting - next Construction meeting Thursday, September 11 @ 1pm

10. Financial Reports

- a. Square statement arrived late so it is at the end of the packet this month
- b. Motion to accept the August financial reports as presented was made by Keavney and seconded by Geiger 6-0

11. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee (Geiger)

- i. Tablets should be here by October
- ii. Asked a few questions regarding Square and Spark
- iii. Cummings asked for a report on how much we have spent on Studio GC and what how much is left on the contract

b. Technology Committee (Ebert)

c. Strategic Plan Committee (Keavney)

d. Personnel Committee (Keavney)

e. Policy Committee (Cummings)

- i. Update bylaws

f. Facilities Committee (Russell)

g. Ad hoc Construction Committee (Mai)

12. Unfinished business

13. New Business

14. Other

- a. Mai wants to start including the Newsletter in the Board Packet again

15. 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.

16. Action on Executive Session

17. Adjournment - At 7:38pm Keavney moved to adjourn the meeting and Geiger seconded

All topics on the agenda are potential action items.

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_____, Board Secretary