Morris Area Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes - Finance Committee Meeting
02/18/2026
4:30PM AMENDED
Morris Area Public Library Conference Room

Minutes -

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
    a. **Called to order at 4:35PM**
    b. **Geiger and Cummings were present. Interim DIrector Barowsky was also present**
2. **New Business**
    a. **Review and Discussion of FY2026 Budget**
        i. **Reviewed the new format for the Budget vs. Actual Reports that will be included in the monthly Board packets.**
        ii. **Discussion regarding specific line items and ensuring expenses are aligned with the appropriate budget categories.**
            1. **Cummings questioned why the legal fees related to the Director Investigation were listed under Board Expense rather than Personnel. Geiger agreed that legal fees should be categorized according to the area to which they pertain, rather than grouped under a general legal line item. Barowsky stated that the current placement was based on historical records but was unsure if there was a specific reason for that categorization. Cummings and Geiger requested that Barowsky research the matter further and, if permissible, reclassify the expense under the appropriate category.**
        iii. **Discussed the current status of the budget, including where to allocate funds for the Director search firm. The recommendation is to utilize funds appropriated under Board Expense and, if additional funding is needed, to draw from Contingency.**
    b. **Preliminary Planning and Discussion for FY2027 Budget**
        i. **Tabled until next meeting**
3. **Adjournment**
    a. **Adjourned at 5:33PM**

_____ , Board Secretary