

The Massena Public Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting

July 14, 2017, 3:00 PM

Present: Treasurer Linda McDonald, Trustees Joseph Savoca and Patty Ryan

Library Director: Elaine Dunne-Thayer

The July 14th meeting of the MPL Board was called to order by Treasurer McDonald at 3:07 PM

- I. **Minutes of the June 13th Meeting:** After review of the minutes a motion was made by Trustee McDonald and seconded by Trustee Savoca to accept the minutes as presented. Carried 3-0
- II. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Staff Issues:** The MPL Board went into executive session at 3:07 and returned to normal session at 3:10. The Union/Employee issue is still pending.
 - B. **State construction Grant 2017:** Director Dunne-Thayer reported that she is working with NCLS on the construction grant to include outdoor reading spaces. Thus the Garden Project can be included in this grant and monies paid will be reimbursed.
 - C. **Summer Activities – Adults & Teens:** Events included in the Summer Reading Program are being well attended at both libraries. Director Dunne-Thayer commented that after children's events the children's area of the Library is very active. Activities provide a positive "draw" to the Library and to the services it provides to the whole community. Director Dunne-Thayer informed the Board that the new rug has been ordered for the Youth Area. Furniture for this area has been ordered from DEMCO. These items will be paid for with a grant from Stewart's. The improvements will make this well-used space more inviting. Events are planned for the young adult group in August. Director Dunne-Thayer has responded to the request for an adult book group at the MPL. In August this group will meet and discuss The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen. If this activity is well received the group may schedule regular meetings.
 - D. **Transfer of Funds:** A motion was made by Trustee McDonald and seconded by Trustee Savoca to transfer \$1,309.29 from the Brasher Branch to the MPL to pay salaries. Carried 3-0
 - E. **Circulation Reports:** Director Dunne-Thayer pointed out the numbers of new users added at both facilities. She also noted that a spike in wireless usage at MPL. On the whole circulation remains stable.
 - F. **Other Unfinished Business:** Later this summer the MPL will welcome author Keely Hutton on Wednesday, July 26th at 2:00pm, to speak about her book Soldier Boy .
- III. **New Business**
 - A. **Presentation of Bills for Payment:** Bills for the Brasher Branch in the amount of \$2,484.66 and for MPL in the amount of \$4,267.92 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Trustee Ryan and seconded by Trustee Savoca to approve payment of bills as presented. Carried 3-0
 - B. **Date of the next Board Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the MPL Board will be August 8, 2017 at 6 PM.
- IV. **Adjournment:** The special meeting of the MPL Board was adjourned at 3:55.