

January 8, 2019

Present: President Jack Bain, Vice President Joseph Savoca, Treasurer Linda McDonald, Trustees Jeanna Matthews and Patty Ryan

Town Liaison: Melanie Cunningham

Library Director: Elaine Dunne-Thayer

The Jan. 8, 2019 meeting of the MPL Board was called to order by President Bain at 4:01.

- I. **Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Meeting:** After presenting and reading the minutes of the last meeting a motion was made by President Bain and seconded by Treasurer McDonald to accept the minutes as presented. Carried 4-0
- II. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Personnel Issues:** The Board went into executive session at 4:02 to discuss personnel issues.
 - B. **Library Board Issues:** After discussion of Board issues the Board returned to regular session at 4:12.
 - C. **School District Timeline:** Using Vice-President Savoca's suggested timeline the Board discussed how some areas would be considered simultaneously as the Board continues to gather information. To this end several Board members will be attending a Webinar presented by Libby Post on January 10 at 1PM in the Warren Room.
 - D. **Programs:** In conjunction with the Celine Philibert Cultural Center and Museum, Camilla Amaratti of TAUNY will give a presentation about the Historical Instrument traveling exhibit. Her presentation will begin at the Library at 2 PM and then will move to the Cultural Center.

The MPL will host the Geri-Fit Program. A 3 ½ month fitness program for people over 65. The Group will be led by Marie Kirwan and will meet in the Warren Room from 3:15 to 4:00 PM on Mondays and Thursdays.
 - E. **Transfer of Funds:** A motion was made by President Bain and seconded by Treasurer McDonald to transfer \$2,121.22 from the Brasher Branch to MPL for salaries, operation, and supplies. Carried 4-0
 - F. **Circulation Reports:** Both circulation and the number of Library visits are up at both sites; particularly in the use of computers and wireless usage.
 - G. **Other Unfinished Business:** Director Dunne-Thayer reports that since the installation of the elevator is complete that patrons are able to access the lower level easily for using the sewing lab and participating in other programs held there.

Vice-President Savoca reported on his findings in regard to various Library accounts. He will investigate further with Northern New York Community Foundation to determine if investments held by the Foundation would earn more interest than the Bank. He will also determine if interest rates increase significantly when certificates of deposit are used.

III. New Business:

A. Bills in the amount of \$530.03 for the Brasher Branch and in the amount of \$8,368.93 for MPL were presented for payment. A motion was made by President Bain and seconded by Trustee Ryan to pay the bills as presented. Carried 4-0

B. Date of the Next Board Meeting: The next regular meeting of the MPL Board will be February 12, 2019 at 4 PM.

C. Other New Business: Director Dunne-Thayer is working on grants from Stewarts and Home Depot.

Director Dunne-Thayer reported that she has been approached by BOCES, who contracts to use one of the lower level rooms, to re-arrange that space to be more comfortable as programs are expanding. Among requests was to paint the dark paneling and for staff to use the refrigerator and to eat lunch in the kitchen. Discussions with BOCES on cooking programming are in progress as well.

In other new business, the MPL selected officers for 2019. A motion was made by Trustee Ryan and seconded by Vice-President Savoca that Jack Bain continue as president. Carried 4-0 A motion was made by President Bain and seconded by Trustee Ryan that Joseph Savoca continue as Vice-President. Carried 4-0 A motion was made by Trustee Ryan and seconded by President Bain that Linda McDonald continue as Treasurer. Carried 4-0 A final motion was made by President Bain and seconded by Treasurer McDonald that Patty Ryan continue as Secretary. Carried 4-0

IV. Adjournment: A motion was made by President Bain and seconded by Trustee Matthews to adjourn the MPL Board meeting at 5:12 PM. Carried 4-0