

Massena Public Library

Minutes of July 9, 2019 Board Meeting

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

Town Liaison: Sam Carbone

The July 9, 2019 meeting was called to order by President Bain at 4PM

- I. **Minutes of the June Meeting:** After reading the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting a motion was made by President Bain and seconded by Treasurer McDonald to accept the minutes as written. Carried 5-0
- II. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **School District Plans:** Director Dunne-Thayer shared the handout information that was distributed June 23rd at the Words in the Woods Event held very successfully at the Nicandri Nature Center. She related that comments she heard were positive. The Board will continue discussions about this project, and will be meeting with Supervisor O'Shaughnessy with specific questions. Director Dunne-Thayer and the Board are working on the rebranding phase of the plan. This includes Logo Design and related materials developed by H3 Designs. The Director and various members of the Board will be meeting with community groups to share information about the change to a School District Public Library.
 - B. **Budget:** Director Dunne-Thayer presented the beginnings of next year's budget. Questions arose about how funding will be handled during the possible change of our fiscal year if we are able to proceed as a School District Public Library. As it stands it appears there will be various contingency plans in place.
 - C. **Programs and Outreach:** Summer programming was kicked off at the Words in the Woods Event at the Nicandri Nature Center and is in full swing. Children's learning gardens in front of the library are doing well.
Director Dunne-Thayer gave an update on the Barn Quilt Event which is being presented together with TAUNY. In August there will be a talk and display of Amish Quilts. Some quilts will be displayed at the Library, and others at the Celine Philibert Cultural Center and Museum. These efforts are being coordinated by Director Dunne-Thayer, Camilla Ammirati, and Karen Johnson.
 - D. **NYS Construction Grant:** Director Dunne-Thayer is applying for a grant to fund a Community Kitchen. The application is due August 2nd. The Director is in the process of getting estimates for the work to be done, the appliances to be purchased, and is also researching the need for codes to be met.
 - E. **Transfer of Funds:** A motion was made by Treasurer McDonald and seconded by President Bain to transfer \$2,242.66 from the Badenhausen Brasher Branch to the MPL for salaries, operation and supplies. Carried 5-0
 - F. **Circulation Reports:** Circulation is stable. Director Dunne-Thayer reports that the "library of things" is being well used. The Tables and chairs which were recently purchased have been going out and returning on a regular basis. The Library recently



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purchased day passes to NYS Parks, the Wild Center, and the Adirondack Experience. These are popular items and are circulating well.

G. Other Unfinished Business: Director Dunne-Thayer is in the process of setting up a meeting with Max DeSignore from the Northern New York Community Foundation. Since the library has investments with the Foundation grants may be available. The Director informed the Board of some minor vandalism to outdoor flowers. Since the Police were involved the Director will report at our next meeting just how that was handled

III. New Business:

- A. Presentation of Bills for Payment:** Bills in the amount of \$1,885.79 for the Badenhausen Brasher Branch and \$7,509.87 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 5-0
- B. Date of the Next Board Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the MPL board will be August 13, 2019 at 4PM
- C. Other New Business:** No other new business was discussed.
- IV. Adjournment:** At 5:06 President Bain made a motion seconded by Treasurer McDonald to adjourned the July 9, 2019 meeting of the MPL Board. Carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted

Patricia M. Ryan