

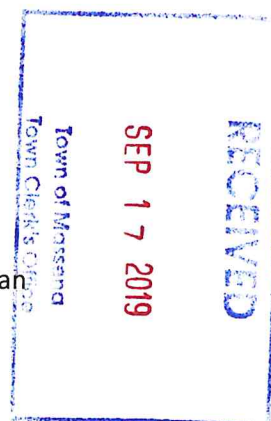
Massena Public Library

Minutes of August 13, 2019 Meeting

Present: President Jack Bain, Treasurer Linda McDonald, Jeanna Matthews, and Patty Ryan

Director: Elaine Dunne-Thayer

Town Liaisons: Melanie Cunningham and Sam Carbone



- I. **Minutes of the July Meeting:** After reading the minutes a motion was made by President Bain and seconded by Trustee Ryan that the minutes be accepted as written. Carried 4-0
- II. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **School District Plans:** Director Dunne-Thayer shared design possibilities that were developed by H 3 Designs. A favorite depicts the front of the library with books in the negative space. We will look at this design to see how copies look in color and black & white.
The Director plans to meet with Friends of the Library to explain plans for becoming a school district library.
Community members attended the Board Meeting to ask relevant questions about the transition to a school district library. The Director and Board came to the understanding that vocabulary is important in our communication of our goals. Stabilization of funding is primary, "growth" is focused on programming that is meaningful to our community and meets its changing needs.
Director Dunne-Thayer is planning meetings with both Mark Peets, the Brasher Town Supervisor and John Ward, current owner of the building in which the Brasher Branch is located. Funding so generously provided by Dr. Susan Badenhausen, is due to end December 2021; because of this, the issue of sustaining that library independent of MPL is in question.
 - B. **Budget:** Budget plans are delayed until the end of the month. A special meeting will be scheduled for its approval.
 - C. **NNYCF-Library Opportunities:** Max DelSignore recently met with available board members to explain advantages to investing with them. These included Legacy Planning and Grant Availability.
 - D. **Programs and Outreach:** The August 10th Barn Quilt Party which was held at the Nicandri Nature Center sponsored jointly by the Center, TAUNY, and MPL was attended by about 200 people. The talk on Amish Quilts given at the library by Dr. Karen Johnson-Weiner, with its accompanying display at the Celine Philibert Cultural Center and Museum, was attended by about 40 people.
Director Dunne-Thayer informed the Board that the program teaming with Meals on Wheels is set to begin in September. First with staff and continuing with volunteers.
 - E. **NYS Construction Grant:** Director Dunne-Thayer is in the process of applying for a grant which will include both the light project which was considered last year and the kitchen update. The Grant would cover 75% of the involved cost.
 - F. **Transfer of Funds:** A motion was made by President Bain and Seconded by Treasurer McDonald to transfer \$1,986.35 from the Brasher Branch to MPL for salaries, operation, and supplies. Carried 4-0

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- G. **Circulation Reports:** Circulation was up in most areas; remarkably in some.
- H. **Other Unfinished Business:** Since the recently purchased tables and chairs are being taken out so often, Director Dunne Thayer is adding a canopy to that collection. Trustee Matthews suggested that Director Dunne-Thayer approach the ADK Adirondack Hiking Group for a "Let's Go Hiking" backpack and a bear barrel (for safe storage of food while hiking).

III. **New Business:**

- A. **Presentation of Bills for Payment:** Bills in the amount of \$4,071.63 for the Badenhausen Brasher Branch and \$8,274.10 for MPL were presented for payment. A motion was made by President Bain and seconded by Treasurer McDonald to pay the bills as presented. Carried 4-0
- B. **Date of Next Board Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the MPL Board will be September 10, 2019 at 4 PM.
- C. **Other New Business:** No other new business was discussed.

IV. **Adjournment:** At 5:07 President Bain made a motion, seconded by Trustee Ryan to adjourn the August 13, 2019 meeting of the MPL Board. Carried 4-0

*Respect Sully submitted,
Patricia M. Ryan*