

Massena Public Library

Minutes of October 8, 2019

Present: Vice-President Joseph Savoca, Treasurer Linda McDonald and Patty Ryan

Director: Elaine Dunne-Thayer

Town Liaison: Sam Carbone

The October 8th meeting was called to order by Vice-President Savoca at 4:05.

- I. **Minutes of the September Meeting:** After reading the minutes a motion was made by Treasurer McDonald and seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the minutes as written. Carried 3-0
- II. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **School District Plans:** Vice-President Savoca, Trustee Ryan and Director Dunne-Thayer traveled to Sackets Harbor Oct. 3 to attend a presentation by Patrick Sweeney of EVERY LIBRARY. The presentation focused on advocacy for libraries and campaigns to become a school district library. As we proceed in our project to do that Director Dunne-Thayer continues to reach out to local organizations to participate in informational meetings, to engage the Friends of the Library in a "letters to the editor" exercise, and to acquire lawn signs from NCLS "A reader lives here: Support your library".
At the Annual NCLS meeting in Watertown on September 24 the Massena Public Library won the NEW AUDIENCE AWARD for work to offer more programs to seniors in our community. Trustees McDonald and Ryan were on hand to accept the award with Director Dunne-Thayer.
Director Dunne-Thayer announced that on October 23 there will be a Candidates Forum including candidates running for the Town Council. Since there seemed to be a time conflict the 6:30 PM slot is uncertain at this point.
 - B. **Budget:** The proposed Town Budget depletes the MPL fund balance to \$4,000 and includes reductions to resource spending. Director Dunne-Thayer will attend a Massena Town Board Budget hearing on October 30th about specifics.
 - C. **Programs and Outreach:** October has been designated as "The Great Give Back" at MPL. In lieu of fines the library is accepting personal hygiene or cleaning products to be donated to the local food banks at the end of the month. MPL suggests that anyone is invited to donate these products.
The Director noted that the MPL Book Club Evenings and Geri-Fit programs are back in session after a summer break. The Massena Artist Association Membership Show will be held October 26th – November 16th. Reception and Awards will take place on the 26th as the show opens.
 - D. **Transfer of Funds:** A motion was made by Vice-President Savoca and seconded by Treasurer McDonald to transfer \$2,171.35 from the Brasher Branch to MPL for salaries, operation and supplies. Carried 3-0
 - E. **Circulation Reports:** Circulation is steady with a rise in magazine circulation and increased use of computers and data bases.

F. **Other Unfinished Business:** Town Liaison Carbone suggested that MPL as a school district Library will need a change in language with the BOCES classroom contract. He also asked about the move to more efficient lighting. Director Dunne-Thayer noted that this is included in the construction grant that was recently submitted to NCLS for approval with Department of State Education.

III. **New Business:**

A. **Presentation of Bills for Payment:** Bills in the amount of \$500.38 for the Badenhausen Brasher Branch and \$6,115.44 for MPL were presented for payment. A motion was made by Treasurer McDonald and seconded by Trustee Ryan to pay the bills as presented. Carried 3-0

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

C. **Other New Business:** No other new business was discussed.

IV. **Adjournment:** A motion was made at 5:08 by Trustee Ryan, seconded by Vice-President Savoca, to adjourn the Oct. 8, 2019 meeting of the MPL Board. Carried 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia M. Ryan

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