

Monroeville Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

April 24th, 2023

Called to order at 7:04pm

Meeting held in person with virtual option

Members present: Nicole Henline (Director), Debbie Iszauk (President), Mary Frances Thorn, Emily Hoffman (Secretary/Treasurer), Kelly Meredith, Michael Crane, Cindy Lucas, Dave English, Alan Rader, Pam Bodzioc, Diane Lindsey and Tara Rotuna (Friends)

I. Friends of the Monroeville Public Library update presented Diane Lindsey:

A. Coffee and Discovery was held Saturday, April 22nd, the Friends thank the staff of the MPL for their assistance during the event. The Rocket Carwash fundraiser continues through April 30th.

B. Thank you for all the donations for the Gateway School's fill a back-pack food drive, a full car-load of donations was delivered!

C. Upcoming Friends events for 2023: The next annual Friends of the MPL meeting is May 4th at 7pm, everyone is invited. Trivia Night May 13th and the finale is in September. Blanket the Library in December will include a Winter Market theme and wine tasting event.

II. Consent Agenda and Financial Report from March, with one correction to the attendance section of the March minutes, approved with unanimous vote.

III. Director's Report

A. Thank you to the library staff for their hard work to make the MPL Mini-Gold event a success. After cost, the event raised over 5K! Plans are under way to hold the mini-gold event next year.

B. Ideas for grant opportunities are under way. Some ideas include a workforce grant to encompass an adult services librarian within the grant and a full-time social worker.

C. Awaiting the results of the submission for the Celebrating Our Communities grant through ACLA.

1. A different ACLA grant has awarded more Hot Spots and Chromebooks for patrons, these items will be distributed to the libraries soon.

D. The Chocolate Party (donor appreciation party) will be held April 29th at the library.

IV. ACLA Report presented by Dave English:

A. Dave traveled to Harrisburg for ACLA's Legislative visit April 24th and reports:

1. Funding talks for 2024 took place. The legislature showed support and positivity toward libraries and their programming.

B. The Carnegie Library is instituting the LAMP program, this program aides in transferring materials for maximized accessibility to all patrons.

V. New Business – No update

VI. Old Business

A. School District library cards for all students is still an ongoing effort. Will revisit the proposed program at the July School Board Study Session.

B. Pitcairn Grant/RAD Transformative Grant update to the planning timeline. Presentation to RAD slated for the fall.

C. Teen After-School Program Reboot. The McElhatten foundation providing a grant for new furniture in the Teen Room.

D. E-Sports opportunity is being sponsored by the Navy; the library will be receiving six gaming computers as part of this opportunity.

E. Discovery Gardens discussion/meeting slated for Mary.

F. Strategic Planning contract signed. Proposed scheduling dates for the Board retreat will be coming soon.

G. Standards for Excellence-Policy Updates and Best Practices

1. Room Use Policy and fee update coming soon.
2. Library Programming versus Public Use Programming Policy and Explanation coming soon.

VII. Committees Reports

A. Fund Development

1. Alice in Wonderland Tea June 4th at the Lourdes Center of St. Bernadette Parish- Christ the Divine Shepard (Set up will be June 3rd).

B. Facilities:

1. HVAC units ordered. There is a 23-week back order.
2. A new sidewalk has been approved
3. Flooring for the main throughway will be delayed as the municipality is backlogged on projects.

VIII. General Information and Reminders- Save the date:

A. April Newsletter is out.

B. Alice in Wonderland Tea June 4th (Set up will be June 3rd)

C. Fun Fest is August 26th

Action Items: Volunteers will be needed for the upcoming summer fundraiser/events.

Next board meeting is Monday, May 22nd, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.