

## Monroeville Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

March 27th, 2023

Called to order at 7:04pm

Meeting held in person with virtual option

Members present: Nicole Henline (Director), Debbie Iszauk (President), Emily Hoffman (Secretary/Treasurer), Kelly Meredith, Michael Crane, Cindy Lucas, Dave English, Alan Rader, Pam Bodziock, Diane Lindsey and Doug Webster (Friends) and Eric (Council liaison).

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

- A. Light Up the Library benefit; Diane and Doug presented Nicole with a check for the final donation of \$5475.57. All together over 10K was raised for this project. Thank you, Friends!
- B. April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last day to order Sarris Candy, order code is 100717. April 8<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the 5 Below Fundraiser. Coffee and Discovery will be held Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Rocket Carwash fundraiser continues through April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Thank you for all the donations for the Gateway School's fill a back-pack food drive.
- E. Upcoming Friends events for 2023: The next annual Friends of the MPL meeting is May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, everyone is invited. Coffee and Discovery in April, Trivia Night in May and the finale in September, and Blanket the Library in December.

II. Consent Agenda and Financial Report from February approved with unanimous vote.

III. Director's Report

- A. The Health and Wellness Programming Grant through Staunton Farms was awarded to the MPL.
- B. Awaiting the results of the submission for the Celebrating Our Communities grant through ACLA.

IV. ACLA Report presented by Dave English:

- A. ACLA submitted their annual RAD report and will be working on a request for additional funding for 2024. Legislative visit slated for April 24<sup>th</sup>.

B. The ACLA strategic planning process was discussed and there will be a committee developed to facilitate the planning process.

1. A new RAD board member was appointed to the ACLA board, this is positive news.

#### V. New Business

A. The Teen After-School Program reboot has been successful so far, thank you to all the MPL staff!

B. Pitcairn Grant/RAD Transformative Grant-RAD suggested a grant proposal by April 24<sup>th</sup> or the next available proposal dates will be in the late fall.

C. E-Sports Opportunity- A competitive online sports program is recruiting libraries to be hubs for this. MPL may attempt piloting a program, no violent games will be offered.

D. A parent of a Gateway student approached Nicole and Debby regarding a program idea, the RESPECT program was created by this parent to address what she feels is gaps in the school's curriculum. Idea discussed; no decision/action taken.

#### 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. Municipal Capital Budget-Council approval should occur with May's Council meeting. The vestibule update and new sidewalks to be discussed.

C. Strategic Planning discussion and unanimous vote occurred to proceed with the Strategy Solutions Group.

D. 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. Mini-golf Fundraiser-April 14<sup>th</sup> 5pm-10pm for adults (last tee-off 9:30pm) and April 15<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm for families (last tee-off 3:45pm).

Thank you, Friends for your donation of the Italian foods basket!

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

3. Board donations for raffle baskets can be made to Kelly.

### B. Facilities:

1. The new LED lighting has been installed.

2. A new sidewalk has been approved

3. Awaiting HVAC unit installation

## VIII. General Information and Reminders- Save the date:

A. Mini-golf Fundraiser-April 14<sup>th</sup> 5pm-10pm for adults and April 15<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm for families. Tickets are on sale online and at the door! Come have fun!

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

C. Fun Fest is August 26<sup>th</sup>

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

Next board meeting is Monday, April 24th, 2023. (Possibly will need to be rescheduled).

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.