

Monroeville Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2023

Called to order at 7:02pm

Meeting held in person with virtual option

Members present: Nicole Henline (Director), Debbie Iszauk (President) Mary Frances Thorn (Vice President), Emily Hoffman (Secretary/Treasurer), Kelly Meredith, Ruth Payne, Cindy Lucas, Mandal Singh, Dave English, Pam Bodziock, Alan Rader, Diane Lindsey (Friends).

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

A. Light Up the Library benefit is closing in on the final goal. Thank you to The Monroeville Rotary and the Monroeville Foundation for their recent donations.

B. Sarris Candy Fundraiser is love. The group code for ordering is 100717 and shipping is only \$5.

C. January 25th will be the Max and Erma's fundraiser.

D. Amazon Smile donation is coming to an end 02/23/2023, thank you to all who chose The Friends of the MPL as their donation choice for the program.

E. Upcoming Friends events for 2023:

Coffee and Discovery in April, Trivia Night in May and the finale in September, and Blanket the Library in December.

Thank you, Friends, for covering the petting zoo for Fun Fest 2023!

II. Consent Agenda from December with one correction approved with unanimous vote.

III. Director's Report

A. Health and Wellness Programming Grant possibilities in 2023; the Staunton Farms Foundation to visit the MPL 02/03/2023.

1. The Staunton Farms foundation is offering a grant for 12K. their types of programming may work well with in conjunction with our Parks and Recreation department.

IV. ACLA Report presented by Dave English:

- A. An increase of book challenges reported nationwide and locally.
- B. ACLA is working on a unified response, information sharing and support to the libraries across the county regarding these book challenges.
- D. There will be possible meeting overlap of the ACLA board meeting dates and the MPL board meeting dates for 05/15/23.

V. New Business

- A. Board members for 2022 will receive a financial disclosure statement from the municipality, those should be completed and returned as soon as possible.
- B. Deb Thompson will present a strategic plan for the MPL in February.

VI. Old Business

- A. School district library cards for all student initiative was voted down by the Gateway School Board.
 - 1. Nicole to draft a letter on behalf of the MPL and board to the Gateway School Board to reconsider the program and re-vote in October.
- B. Standards of Excellence- Policy updates and best practices
 - 1. Room Use Policy and fee update coming soon.
 - 2. Library Programming vs. Public Use Programming Policy and Explanation coming soon.
- C. Discovery Garden revised schedule to come out in February

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Fund Development- Met in December
 - 1. Mini-golf Fundraiser-April 14th 5pm-10pm for adults (last tee-off 9:30pm) and April 15th 10am-4pm for families (last tee-off 3:45pm).
 - 2. Alice in Wonderland Tea June 4th at the Lourdes Center of St. Bernadette Parish- Christ the Divine Shepard (Set up will be June 3rd)

3. February Memorials are completed and in marketing. Monthly giving (ways to love your library)- will be mission focused. Ideas for perks for the monthly givers is being discussed.

B. Facilities:

1. HVAC has been completed

2. The new LED lighting has been ordered. Thank you to the Friends!

VIII. General Information and Reminders- Save the date:

A. Mini-golf Fundraiser-April 14th 5pm-10pm for adults and April 15th 10am-4pm for families.

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

C. Fun Fest is August 26th

Next board meeting is Monday, February 27th, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm with Executive Session held.