

Monroeville Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

December 12th, 2022

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, Michael Crane, Ruth Payne, **Cindy Lucas**, Mandal Singh, Dave English, Pam Bodziock, Alan Rader, Diane Lindsey and Tara Rotuna (Friends), Eric Poach (Council liaison).

I. Consent Agenda from November approved with unanimous vote.

- A. Amy Gilligan- ACLA Accountant presented the MPL's finances in review for 2022.
- B. Investment fund update, to be revisited in March 2023.
- C. Advised CDs are at 4%. Board voted unanimously to transfer funds to a CD while the rates are in place.

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

- A. Light Up the Library to benefit to fund the new lighting project at the MPL. Light bulbs can be purchased at the front desk, you can purchase a light bulb as a gift or in honor of someone.
- B. Sarris Candy Fundraiser ending December 15th.
- C. The next 5 Below fundraiser is slated for December, ending the 24th.
- D. January 25th will be the Max and Erma's fundraiser.
- 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!

III. Director's Report

- A. The after-school program is going well. \$61K in grants has been awarded to the MPL for 2023, this will cover the cost of the after school program/Americore staffing etc.
- B. RAD is offering a grant opportunity for distressed communities, the MPL will qualify as we assist the borough of Pitcairn. Nicole continues to make outreaches to Pitcairn community

members; Mandal and Eric will assist in the outreach as current attempts have been unsuccessful.

IV. ACLA Report presented by Dave English:

- A. ACLA Libraries will receive a onetime grant in 2023.
- B. Amy Anderson is to update the strategic plan for ACLA in 2023; part of that includes updating and enhancing board trainings.
- C. There was a 1 million dollar grant awarded to ACLA Libraries for shared services in the new year.
- D. There will be possible meeting overlap of the ACLA board meeting dates and the MPL board meeting dates of 01/23/23 and 05/15/23.

V. New Business

- A. Discussion of amount to move reserves to an investment account-tabled until March's meeting.
- B. 2023 budget requests and discussion updates presented by Eric Poach.
- C. Deb Thompson will present a strategic plan for the MPL at January's board meeting.

VI. Old Business

- A. Policy updates: Standards of Excellence, Conflict of Interest, Whistleblower and Self-Published Material policies reviewed and voted to pass unanimously.
- B. Discovery Garden; no new updates

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Fund Development- Will be meeting 12/13/22
- B. Facilities- The new boiler and roof top units have been ordered.
 - 1. 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, January 23, 2023.

ACTION ITEMS: Develop a task force/focus group for potential labor agreements

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.