

MASCOUTAH PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 16, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Mascoutah Public Library held its regular meeting at the library on May 16, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.

Trustees present and constituting a quorum were Nancy Larson, Roger Grodeon, Suzy Friederich, Kay Connolly and Merly Friedland; absent were Frank Bandre, Wayne Wilhelm, Scot Erickson and Jordan Rehfeldt. Also present were Library Director Joel Pikora and Jerry Daugherty and Casey Hoercher, members of the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency.

President Nancy Larson presided and Merly Friedland recorded the minutes.

Additions to Agenda – None. Public Comments – None.

Upon a motion made by Kay, seconded by Suzy, the Board approved the suspension of the Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Roger, seconded by Kay, the Board approved the resumption of the Board Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The minutes of the last Board meeting on March 21, 2023 were approved as corrected.
(Motion by Roger, second by Suzy)

Financial Report: Joel presented the Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2023, the statements of income and expenses for the months of March & April, 2023 and the fiscal year from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Joel commented on the operations during the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023 and the cash position of the library. Actual revenues during the year were \$489,291 versus budget of \$475,146 or \$14,146 (2.98%) above budget. Increase in revenue was attributed to higher receipts of personal property replacement tax. Actual expenses were \$471,496 versus budget of \$480,632 – or \$9,136 (1.9%) under budget. The fiscal year ended positively with a net operating surplus of \$17,795.

Cash and Temporary Investments - \$456,106.

The Board requested that certificates of deposits be listed to show the interest rates and maturity dates.

Assigning Reserve Funds – The Board agreed to table this item and bring it up at the August meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the above financial statements and ordered that the same be filed for audit.
(Motion by Kay, second by Roger)

Nominating Committee Reports: The Committee (Nancy, Roger, Kay and Joel) submitted and recommended for Board approval the following slate of officers to serve during FY2023-2024:

President- Nancy Larson Vice President-Wayne Wilhelm

Secretary-Merly Friedland Treasurer – Frank Bandre

The Board unanimously approved the above slate of officers, as recommended by the Committee. *(Motion by Suzy, second by Kay)*

Director's Report: Please refer to the Director's written report for the May 16, 2023 Board Meeting relating to operations and activities since the last meeting, the comparative Library Circulation Report for March & April, 2022 versus March & April, 2023 and Non-Resident Registrations for FY 2022-2023. The Director also gave an overview of several summer programs and events. Our programming is running strong and drawing wide participation.

Joel informed the Board about the water in the Children's Room and actions taken to address the problem. Scott Ross of Absolute Clean took care of the problem that was caused by shifting of the landscaping rocks during the storm.

Congratulations to Joel for having been chosen as Chairman of the MEPL (Metro East Public Library Group) and voted as member of the Leu Civic Center Board of Directors!

Old Business: A. Mango Languages – This language and culture-learning resource is now available at the library.

B. Long Range Planning Committee Update – The Committee intends to utilize available resources to pursue its goals. It also plans to do a community survey and connect with focus groups.

New Business: A. Smell in Meeting Room – We are looking into the cause of this problem.

B) Board Committee Assignments – The following individuals were unanimously appointed by the Board to serve as members of the Standing Committees for FY2023-2024: (*Motion by Suzy, second by Roger*)

Building & Grounds -	Wayne Wilhelm (Chairman) Suzy Friederich, Scot Erickson, Joel Pikora
Finance -	Frank Bandre (Chairman) Merly Friedland, Roger Grodeon, Joel Pikora
Policy -	Wayne Wilhelm (Chairman) Jordan Rehfeldt, Kay Connolly, Joel Pikora
Personnel -	Nancy Larson (Chairman) Roger Grodeon, Kay Connolly, Joel Pikora

Discussion - None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, President Nancy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be at the Library on August 15, 2023 at 6:15 p.m

Merly Friedland
Secretary

