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Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.  
Trustees Meeting Room

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Attendees:

Will Adamczyk (Director), Susan Doyle, John Folcarelli, Hyacinth Crichlow

Sindu Meier, Michael Musto(on line), Kristine Hodlin(on line)

Non-Attendees: Jaime Lavash, Paul Hayes

Citizens Speak: Sean Bentley is with us tonight and will be observing our meeting. He is running for a Trustees position here at the library and was interested in learning about Trustee Meetings.

Secretary's Report (5 minutes)

Approval of January 13, 2025 meeting minutes. JF moved to approve and CH seconded.

Committee Report

Building Committee

- Parking Update – no new updates

Budget/Finance Committee

- Report of FY26 budget discussions- not sure of dollar amount yet
- Override impact discussion-3 percent reduction would mean a 70,000 dollar cut. If override does not pass library will close on Sundays all year, during summer months will also close Saturdays into September. Materials Below State minimums would get 70,000 dollar cut by the State.
- 5,000 less electric, water, sewage by being closed those days. Do not keep Part-time library assistant. Maintain services and employees vs hours and materials. Nights open could be cut and would lead to reduction in teen programming and evening hours, all part of assistants job.
- Capital requests update- generator for Library looks promising in FY26

- Quarterly Treasurer's Report – Ck ledger in packet, Quarterly statement from Bartholomew. JF motioned to pass treasurers report HC seconded.

#### Personnel Committee

- Annual user survey early results

#### Nominating Committee

Nothing to report

#### Personnel Committee

Nothing to report

#### Other Committee Reports

### Continuing Business

#### Library Directors Report

- FY 25 Budget-Two very successful speaker programs with Dennis Lehane and Grace Lin for the children. They were both fabulous. Dennis Lehane donated his speakers fee back to the library.
- Other issues-contacted DPW to work on our Little Library's in the Spring

#### State House Update:

- Ebook legislation – take local pressure to the State in order to get fairer prices for Ebooks.
- Freedom to Read – Public Schools see push back first and then Public Libraries.
- State Library Budget
  - Communications and next step with Library partners – Will on assessment committee for State.
  - Other –MPL as created an On-line welcoming package for our new library card holders! Thank you for all you do Will.

## New Business

- Policy Review – Exhibits and Displays- Motion to approve JF, seconded by HC. Unanimous approval.
- Policy Review- Meeting Room Use – wrap up program 30 minutes before Library closes- May need to cancel programs due to parking concerns - Increase room fee in Keyes to \$125 – Conference Room -\$75. Milton nonprofits free. Approximately 20 paying customers a year
- To reflect new alcohol bylaw-New wording added - trustees give Library Director authority to approve use of alcohol at a MPL gathering. New wording motion JF and 2<sup>nd</sup> by HC. Unanimous approval.

## Future Meetings

- April (committees), May 6, 2025 (TM), May 12, 2025 and June

Items for future meetings -

- May=Bldg. Committee, Finance Committee, DEI Committee, Personnel Committee

## Motion to Adjourn

8:30 PM – Motion to Adjourn HC\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by JF\_\_\_\_\_ Unanimous agreement

Susan Doyle  
Secretary

May 6, 2025  
Date of approval

“The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff.”

R. David Lanken