Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, January 6, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Mendon Public Library

Approved

Present: Mary McCabe (President), Tom Ochsenhirt (Vice-President), Alison Zero Jones (Treasurer), Katie Corey (Corresponding Secretary), Nipa Armbruster, Tom Dooley, Alicia Zysman-Cromwell Excused: None **Others present:** Lyla Grills (Director), Lisa Reniff (Recording Secretary) Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Mary McCabe. Public Comment: None Town Report: None Approval of Minutes: (Mary McCabe) Motion was made to approve the minutes from December 2, 2024, Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Motion: Tom Dooley Second: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell Unanimously Approved Motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2024, Foundation Exploration Committee. Motion: Tom Dooley Second: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell Unanimously Approved Motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2024, Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees End-of-Year Meeting. Motion: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell Second: Tom Ochsenhirt Unanimously Approved President Report: (Mary McCabe)

Nothing to report. Previous discussion regarding the Foundation was covered earlier in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Alison Zero Jones)

The Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees was distributed for the January 6, 2025 regular meeting. The Library's account transfers, vouchers, and deposits were reviewed, as well as the Board of Trustee's account balances, deposits, and payments.

There was adjustment to the motion of December 2, 2024 meeting to change the originating location of the \$5,000 transfer to the Computer Special Reserve. Also, the following motion regarding the Teen Corner Grant was also reworded. The following Motions were approved and re-worded as follows:

Motion was made to correct the motion previously made on December 2, 2024, approving a transfer of \$5,000 from the hardware account to now state that the transfer is made from the assigned unappropriated fund balance per the request of the Town's Bookkeeper, Laura Landers. Motion:Mary McCabe Second: Alison Zero Jones Unanimously Approved

Motion was made to transfer \$4,867.14 from the unexpended, unassigned fund balance to amend the 2025 budget(L7410.413) to reflect the unexpended balance of the 2024 Team Corner Grant, such money to be used foradditional Teen Corner Purchases.Motion:Mary McCabeSecond: Alicia Zysman-CromwellUnanimously Approved

Motion was made to accept the Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees for the January 6, 2025 regular meeting with the above two motions re-worded. Motion: Alison Zero Jones Second: Mary McCabe Unanimously Approved

Corresponding Secretary: (Katie Corey)

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: (Alison Zero Jones)

No meeting was held or planned.

Policies Committee: (Tom Ochsenhirt)

No meeting was held but meetings will resume in January.

Long Range Plan Committee: (Tom Dooley)

No meeting was held; we plan to soon review the Long-Range Plan for 2024.

The Foundation Exploratory Committee was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Personnel Committee: (Mary McCabe)

A summary of the Library Director feedback from May will be distributed by the end of the week. The Personnel committee (Mary, Nipa and Alicia) will meet on December 16th at 7pm to discuss the director's review. All Board members are invited to attend.

Director's Report: (Lyla Grills)

The Library Director's Report was distributed and reviewed. The following items were discussed:

- The quarterly Village Business Community Meeting was attended, and the director will try to attend in the future.
- The monitor and shades were installed by DAVE. The new equipment was used at a Harry Potter Movie Marathon during break.
- MCLS and RPL announced a new Director, Emily Clasper, to take the position from retiring Director Patty Uttaro.

- MPL and MCLS patrons have access to Udemy, an online learning platform with various courses
- MPL and MCLS patrons have Kanopy streaming available. MPL chose two bundles: Easy Watching and British Cinema and TV.
- A \$20 donation to The Friends with positive comments on the free period products. A donation of a Dunkin' gift card was used for the Coffee Monday's program.
- Lyla completed the Public Libraries Administrators Certificate from LIU in December.
- MPL was again in the HFFD Christmas Parade, this time with Curious George as the guest.
- MPL visits this year were the highest since 2014. The circulation total for 2024 was just under 109,000 with automatic renewals started midway through the year.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Librarian I PT: (Lyla Grills)

It was confirmed with Civil Service that MPL had listed Librarian I PT Non-Competitive as a position. If the Board and the Town agreed we could move current Librarian Trainee to this position once he gets his MLS degree certification and NYS public librarian certificate. This should happen in the next couple months. There is room currently in budget to increase his wage.

Sustainable Libraries: (Tom Dooley)

The topic of sustainable libraries was tabled until next month. It was felt that the sustainable libraries topic needs to be moved earlier in the meeting next month.

Public Comment: No comments

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.