Maitland Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 7:30 pm



ATTENDANCE: The following members were present: Dr. Steve Lee, President; Mr. Bob Allen, Chair; Mr. Frank Allen, Trustee; Ms. Erin Baker, Trustee; Ms. Patti Brennan, Trustee; Dr. Scot French, Trustee; Ms. Laurie Fuller, Trustee; Ms. Kristen Johnson, Vice Chair; Ms. Cari Rotenberger, Trustee; Mr. Kay Yeuell, Trustee;

- The following members were present via Zoom: Ms. Maria Hannon, Secretary; Mr. Dave Baker, Trustee; Ms. Liz Doyle, Trustee; Ms. Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen, Trustee;
- Staff Present: Ms. Stacie Larson, Director; Ms. Jenn Bishop, Executive Assistant
- Staff present via Zoom: 0
- The following members were excused: Ms. Marilyn Sandoz, Vice President; Mr. Andrew Harrison, Treasurer;
- The following members were not present or excused: 0
- Members of the public attending: 0

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM by Mr. B. Allen

• Consent Agenda: With no questions or concerns, all items on the Consent Agenda were accepted.

FRIENDS REPORT: Ms. Larson reported that the Friends of the Library have not recently met. Mr. B. Allen reported that all is well.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT is attached. November and December reports were emailed to board members. Highlights were shared by Ms. Larson.

- Ms. Daniels and Ms. Bumgardner hosted an "Abominable" party in place of Holiday Heatwave. Yeti Spaghetti and Ice Krispie Treats were served. The event was very engaging with 25 people in attendance.
- Ms. Boyer has been scheduling many historic speakers for programs.
- Astronomy Week is being planned for February.
- Ms. Burgos has returned to work. She is currently working 3 days in the library and 2 from home.
- A sign up genius has been created for Board members to help with outreach events.
- Seasons of Light was a huge outreach success. With the help of Ms. Hannon, Ms. E. Baker, and Ms. Ibarguen, Ms. Larson was able to speak to 335 people.

Ms. Rotenberger thanked Ms. Larson for her very thorough monthly reports.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: With no meetings held this month, and all positions being filled, Mr. F. Allen had nothing to report for the month.

FINANCE: Ms. Bishop was able to close and reopen the Horizon CD.

CONSTRUCTION: Ms. Larson reported the City Council approved the floor plans and are officially in the design phase now. The color scheme is called "Spanish Moss." There will be a meeting in 2 weeks.

Old Business: There was no old business presented.

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Public Period: Mr. B. Allen opened the Public Period. There being no one who wished to be heard, Mr. B. Allen closed the Public Period.

Discussion:

5k Planning- Ms. E. Baker obtained information from the City regarding the requirements if the library was to host a 5k. This packet was emailed to the Board. She also spoke to those in charge of the Dommerich Elementary (DE) 5k. DE stated they spend \$8-10,000.00 on their event, while only making a couple thousand in return. Mr. Yeuell questioned why we would do this, as the event would require so much work for so little in return. He also stated he feels the new city requirements are meant to discourage. After much discussion, Ms. E. Baker stated that a 5k may not be in the Library's best interest, but a different community event should be held. A Community Event Committee was formed to meet the immediate wishes to promote the library and down the road for the new building when it opens. The committee consists of Ms. E. Baker, Mr. B. Allen, Dr. Lee, Ms. Rotenberger and Ms. Fuller. Ms. E. Baker will get with Ms. Bishop to schedule a meeting.

Brick Fundraiser - Ms. Ibarguen obtained information regarding a brick fundraiser for the new building. Ms. Ibarguen stated that the funds raised need a purpose. Some suggestions were to put this money towards the maker space, security or self check out. It would be nice to have the bricks in the courtyard, but a plan needs to be in place. Ms. Ibarguen suggested that when the building has a better timeline, a plan could be put in place. We may be too far in advance to start this project. Ms. Larson will contact Karina Clune with the viability for this project. Discussion regarding the fundraising led to Mr. Yeuell questioning the Foundation and what they are doing for fundraising. Ms. Bishop informed the Board that the Foundation has not informed herself, Ms. Larson, or Ms. Doyle of any happenings. Ms. Doyle did acknowledge that Mr. Stewart recently said he would like to meet in the beginning of February, but there have not been any meetings or notifications.

Decision:

Bereavement - Ms. Larson requested to add to the staff bereavement policy "up to one day of leave" in regards to the death of a family pet. Mr. Yeuell motioned that the Board accept the policy change presented by Ms. Larson. This was seconded by Ms. Fuller and voted unanimously by all in attendance.

Good of the Order - Ms. Fuller inquired about the definition of the Good of the Order. After Mr. B. Allen explained this new agenda item, Ms. Fuller praised the many different opportunities to bring funds in more actively that aren't just membership or the finance committee.

Dates to Remember: Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 7:30pm

MEETING ADJOURNED: A motion was made by Ms. Rotenberger at 8:45 pm to end the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. F. Allen, and accepted unanimously by all members in attendance.

Minutes submitted by Maria Hannon, secretary