Maitland Public Library Board of Trustees

Community Events Committee Workshop Wednesday June 18, 2025 7:00 pm



ATTENDANCE: The following members were present: Ms. Erin Baker, Committee Chair; Mr. Bob Allen, Board Chair; Ms. Cari Rotenberger, Trustee

The following members were excused: Dr. Steve Lee, President; Ms. Laurie Fuller, Trustee; Ms. Patty Brennan, Trustee

Staff Present: Ms. Jenn Bishop, Executive Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM by Ms. Erin Baker

WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY EVENTS: Ms. Baker had previously distributed an event development questionnaire to committee members in advance of the meeting. However, no completed questionnaires were received, and no new ideas were offered during the workshop.

The committee agreed to send the questionnaire to the full Board of Trustees in an effort to gather a broader range of suggestions and perspectives. The deadline for responses is August 31, 2025. The goal is to generate ideas for future community events and clarify the overall mission and direction of the committee's work. Outstanding questions include:

- What types of events do we want to host?
- What is the guiding mission behind our events?

The committee briefly revisited prior discussions on fundraising. Ms. Bishop reminded the group that the City Manager had previously advised against a brick fundraiser for the new library site. She also noted that Ms. Larson had expressed concerns about setting a fundraising precedent that could influence how the City views the library's financial needs during future budget considerations.

Ms. Baker suggested the committee might also consider collecting feedback from the public through the library's newsletters and social media channels.

Ultimately, the committee agreed to table further discussion until all Board members have submitted completed questionnaires. The committee will reconvene to review the responses and move forward based on the feedback received.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:19 pm by Mr. Baker

Minutes submitted by JB Bishop, Executive Assistant