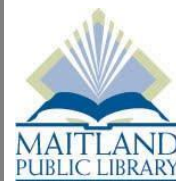


**Maitland Public Library Board of Trustees**  
Community Events Committee Workshop  
Thursday, February 6, 2025  
6:00 pm



ATTENDANCE: The following members were present: Ms. Erin Baker, Committee Chair; Mr. Bob Allen, Board Chair; Dr. Steve Lee, President; Ms. Cari Rotenberger, Trustee; Ms. Laurie Fuller, Trustee; Ms. Patty Brennan, Trustee

Staff Present: Ms. Jenn Bishop, Executive Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM by Ms. Erin Baker

WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY EVENTS: Ms. Bishop briefly recapped the Profit and Loss reports from the last few 5K events that were held prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Lee discussed the general route, aspects of setup and staffing of the course, and mentioned the changes to the fees charged by the City of Maitland to host a 5K now.

Ms. Fuller mentioned that there are already many walk/run events in the area, and all in attendance agreed that the cost to host a 5K seems too high to justify this type of event at this time. Mr. Allen suggested that the purpose of this committee should then be to focus on community enhancement rather than solely on fundraising. All in attendance agreed that an alternative to a 5K was best.

Ms. Baker asked whether hosting a community event would compete with library programs. Ms. Bishop said that with thoughtful planning, it could work well. Factors such as library programs and other community events should be considered. A compiled calendar will be created to aid in planning.

Several ideas were discussed, including: an adult book fair, a "Books and Brews" book club, a picnic in a nearby park, and a "One Book, One Community" event.

The committee will report to the board their intention, target audience, and potential timeline for hosting an event. More research will be conducted prior to making an official recommendation to the board.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 pm by Mr. Baker

Minutes submitted by *JB Bishop*, Executive Assistant