

Minutes of the January 11,2023 Trustees Meeting (virtual)

Present: Karen Herman, Laurence Lamagna, John Hess, Marilyn Santagati, Tony Straceski, Mark Yanowitz, Barbara McNamara, Clare Curran Ball, Kim Lynn and Carolyn Fantini.

Minutes: **The Minutes of the December 14,2022 meeting were accepted as moved by Mark Yanowitz and seconded by John Hess with a unanimous vote.**

Treasurer's Report: **The Treasurer's Report of December 31,2022 was approved as moved by Tony Straceski and seconded by Marilyn Santagati with a unanimous vote.**

Public Comments: None

Director's Report

- Personnel

The staff who attended the Holiday Party that the Trustees provided had a wonderful time and it was much appreciated.

There were 55 applicants for the 20-hour Assistant position and Caitlin Callahan Gallaudet was selected to fill the position. Barbara has need of a Full time Assistant position also. She asked that any Trustee, who would like to be on the selection committee, should contact her.

- Town

Although the Town Offices were closed, MHL stayed open until 5pm on December 23rd to allow patrons without power to warm up and charge their devices and close to 600 people came through the building.

Town Meeting is scheduled for May 1-4.

Barbara has presented the proposed Library budget to the Town Manager and his team.

- State

Barbara informed the Board that The Massachusetts Library Legislative Day will be held on March 15 in Boston.

Assistant Directors' Report

- Clare spoke of the popularity of the Book of the Month Club which we will continue in 2023. Dean has added another feature to the alert on the website. He has created a puzzle using the cover of the selected book cover.
- Kim announced the creation of a new library card design celebrating the 150th anniversary. She also spoke about changes to patron account information. Patrons may now edit their record to choose the name (ie.nickname) and pronoun they prefer.

New Business

- Friends Report

Marilyn Santagati reported that the Friends Annual Meeting will be May 8,2023 at 6pm in the Memorial Hall. It is open to all members. The group is always looking for new members and 2 Board members. The February Book Sale will begin with the Preview on February 1 for members and dealers. Public Sale is February 2,3,4, and 5. Due to the

poor conduct of some participants at the last sale, the Board will now post the rules for the Preview Night and closely monitor the situation.

Old Business

- **Library Closing Policy**
The Board, as moved by Tony Straceski and seconded by Mark Yanowitz, voted unanimously to approve the revised Library Closing Policy.
- **Safe Child Policy**
The Board, as moved by Mark Yanowitz and seconded by Marilyn Santagati, voted unanimously to approve the revised Safe Child Policy.
- MHL's 150th Anniversary May 30, 2023
The Staff continue to brainstorm ideas for the celebration.
- Mark informed the Board that his company will be working on revising the best use for the 2 floors in the Old Town Hall. There will be some public meetings to gather new thoughts.
- Karen reported that there is no news about the bike racks at the front of MHL.
- Barbara was asked about the outcome of the vandalism of the men's room. She explained that the police have apprehended the 3 people responsible and that they were told to meet with her and write an apology. The sentiment of the Board was that they should receive further punishment perhaps in the form of community service.
- John reported that the Town Seal Committee will meet next week to review proposals from designers.

Adjournment at 4:55pm as moved by Larry Lamagna and seconded by John Hess with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2023 at 4pm at MHL.

Documents

Memorial Hall Library Closing Policy
Memorial Hall Library Safe Child Policy

Minutes

December 14, 2022 Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Library Board of Trustees Treasurer's Report dated 12/31/2022

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Fantini