

Marlborough Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2022
Meeting held at the Walker Building

The meeting was called to order by Tom Abel at 7:05 PM.

Board members attending: Tom Abel, Karen Bento, Nena Bloomquist, Fred Haas, Rustin Kyle, and Robyn Ripley

Also Attending: Margaret Cardello, Library Director

Documents reviewed/referenced:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes from December 7, 2021 meeting
3. Trust Fund/ State Aid Reports for December 2021
4. Director's Report
5. Marlborough public Library Trustees Scholarship Form

Proceedings:

1. **Minutes:** A motion (Haas, Bento) to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2021 meeting was passed.
2. **Trust Fund Reports:** A motion (Haas, Ripley) to approve the Trust Fund for December 2021 was passed.
3. **Director's Report:** attached
 - a. Margaret updated the Trustees on the Construction project - Demolition has been completed. We have contracted to have drone footage of the site. She has been working with IT to set up an account to apply for federal E-rate funding.
 - b. Margaret has been working on a Grant application for the Cummings Foundation with Peggy Ayres for the MPLF.
 - c. Margaret updated the Trustees on what is happening at the Walker building. The RFID tagging process is going forward. A Simmons College graduate has approached her about volunteering. Margaret plans to bring us a policy for review next month. A part time reference librarian has resigned effective Jan. 13. She sent a Snow Policy reminder to all staff. A minimum of 4 people is needed to open the library. Tom asked about using floaters from City Hall if needed.
 - d. Tom Abel inquires about a Boston Globe article on the high cost of buying e-books. Margaret responded that we get ours from CWMARS. There is currently legislation in the state house trying to address problems like embargoes by publishing houses on new books.

4. **Marlborough Public Library Foundation:**

- a. Margaret gave Nena several checks to deposit.
- b. The Foundation has been working on a letter to send out to members of the Chamber of Commerce.
- c. Arthur Bergeron and Trish Pope reached out to Margaret and Nena to be on their cable TV show for Seniors. It will air on 1/5/22.

5. **Old Business:** none

6. **New Business:**

- a. 2022 Trustee Scholarship: A new prompt for the Marlborough Public Library Trustees Scholarship was discussed. After considering several options, a motion (Bloomquist, Haas) to accept a question proposed by Margaret, "How will the newly expanded and renovated library impact you and the City of Marlborough?", was passed. See attached form.
- b. Election of Officers: A motion (Ripley, Kyle) to approve the Slate of Officers proposed at the December 7, 2021 meeting was approved. The new officers of the Marlborough Public Library Board of Trustees are: Fred Haas, Chair, William Brewin, Vice Chair, and Karen Bento, Secretary/Treasurer.

7. **Adjournment:** A motion (Ripley, Bloomquist) to adjourn was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Minutes submitted by Nena Bloomquist.