

**Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting of February 16, 2023**

Trustees & Liaisons present: Dick Malina, Mary Ann Quinn, Julie Edwards, James Riina, Rebecca Myers, Frank Casale, Donna Gambaccini, Kent Anker, David Vinjamuri (Village Liaison), Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison)

Also present:

John Fearon, Library Director; Martha Mesiti, Assistant Library Director

Trustees & Liaisons absent: Eric Neuman

**Call to order**

Administrative: Trustee Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the January 2023 Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Myers, and passed.

The Board welcomed Trustee Anker to his first meeting.

**Opportunity to Hear from the Public** No members of the public attended the meeting.

**Opportunity to Hear from Liaisons**

Liaisons Sialiano and Vinjamuri reported for the Town and Village, respectively, that Supervisor Fulgenzi and Mayor Scherer will be meeting to discuss the Master Plan for the Library, but that they have not yet managed to arrange it . The Village will be beginning its budget process soon, whereas the Town starts budget planning in August.

**Claims of Payment**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Riina, and seconded by Trustee Quinn, that:

It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the following payments for the month of February 2023:

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$840.00
- Invoices charged against the General fund: \$47,345.25
- Invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$420.55

**202302-01     The motion passed.**

## **Directors Report**

- Director Fearon reported that the 2022 year-end fiscal report is nearly complete, pending NYPA payments. He anticipates a budget surplus of around \$29,000, which will be added to the Library's reserve funds. Benefits costs are the main budgetary vulnerability, as costs for health insurance, for example, have increased considerably.
- The Library is busy – book lending is up 20 percent over last year; it's crowded afterschool; and children's programs are in such demand that the Library is moving to a registration system for Miss Debbie's Storytimes.
- The Library is looking to upgrade its Web page and Social Media presence, with a view to brand consistency and greater outreach. To help accomplish these goals, the Library recommends the appointment of a new Marketing and Local History Librarian, and also that consultant Stuart Vance take on an upgraded role as Consulting Art Director.
- Director Fearon has adjusted the statistics concerning the use of E-materials in his comparison of the Library's performance vis-à-vis its peers in 2022, as there was a discrepancy in way various transactions were recorded.
- There is a vacancy on the WLS Board for the group of libraries to which MPPL belongs (Mount Kisco, Bedford Village, North Castle Public Library, and MPPL share one seat).

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Myers, and seconded by Trustee Quinn, that:

It is hereby resolved that Amy Mackin be appointed to the position of Librarian I, effective February 20, 2023, or thereafter, at Grade 4, Step 5 of the 2023 Authorized Personnel Salary Schedule

**202302-02      The motion passed.**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Gambaccini, and seconded by Trustee Casale, that:

It is hereby resolved that Director Fearon be authorized to sign a contract with Stuart Vance LLC for Consulting Art Director services for twelve months, for a base sum of \$9,720

**202302-03      The motion passed.**

## **New Business**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Gambaccini, and seconded by Trustee Malina, that:

It is hereby resolved that the following groups be allowed to use the Library more than four times in 2023:

- Knitting Group
- Canasta Group

**202302-03     The motion passed.**

### **Executive Session**

On a motion by Trustee Malina, seconded by Trustee Anker, the Board went into Executive Session at 7:46 pm, to discuss labor negotiations.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:28 pm.

Trustee Casale moved for adjournment at 8:28 pm, seconded by Trustee Myers.

Next regular meeting: Thursday March 16, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Quinn

Secretary