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Manheim Township Public Library Foundation Board Meeting

Date: 09-25-24 **Time:** 5:30 PM **Location:** Morgan Center of MTPL

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Susan Dyson, with Roll Call and Agenda Review

Members Present: Susan Dyson, James Adams, Brian Mahon, Diana Reeves

Members Not Present: Rebecca Doster & Laura Slaymaker

MT Board of Commissioner Liaison Present: None

Staff Members Present: Joyce Sands, Library Director, Alli Salimbeni, Deputy Director, & Joelle Block, Youth Services Manager.

Public Comment – students from Manheim Township High School AP Government Class thanked the board for having them observe the meeting for class

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 2024 board meeting with minor spelling changes was made and unanimously approved.

On September 18, 2024, received resignation of Rebecca Doster from the MTPL Board effective immediately, which leaves the Secretary of the Board position vacant.

Motion to elect Brian Mahon as Secretary was made by Susan Dyson and seconded by Diana Reeves, and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Executive – no report

Finance – Montag & Caldwell Endowment account current account balance is \$172,107.08, Fulton Bank Checking account balance is \$76,442.60, after a large \$50,000 donation.

Motion to approve \$71 of MTPLF funds for Extraordinary Give promotional products (yard signs) was made by Jim Adams and seconded by Diana Reeves and unanimously approved.

Motion to approve activation of Donor Payments portal feature for accepting credit card donations directly to MPTLF account made by Brian Mahon and seconded by Diana Reeves and unanimously approved

A review of MTPLF account balances and consider amount to transfer to general fund for Library operations was tabled for the next board meeting. Board members discussed the \$50,000 donation as a gift with no restrictions and agreed to meet the donor, Lois Morgan, to thank her in person.

Nominating – no report

Personnel, Compensation and Benefits – no report

Facilities – no report

Endowment – no report

Pulkabek –No report, as Pulkabek committee chair Rebecca Doster resigned 9/18/2024. Board members discussed possibility of using the leftover funds dedicated to Pulkabek to help fund a Seed Exchange Library project.

Library Director's Report Highlights – It was reported the Fall Harvest book sale generated approximately \$9,500 in sales. The library continues to struggle to stay fully staffed with three resignations in September.

To help, it was noted that the director requested three new full-time positions in the 2025 township budget

Other highlights of September can be found in the Library Director's report.

Old Business

Board discussion was held about the Board of Commissioners' ("BOC") recommendation which had been explained by Stacy Morgan at our July 24, 2024, Board meeting, for our MTPL Board to create a MTPLF Board with at least some of that Board's members being different from those of our MTPL Board. The Commissioners seem to see it as being within the authority of our MTPL Board to select and appoint ourselves or others as members of the MTPLF Board. Township Manager, Rick Kane, said at the July 24 meeting that he will provide us with a report on the recommendations of the BOC as explained to us at the July 24th meeting, after which the MTPL Board would consider making appointments to the MTPLF Board. We have not yet received that report from Rick Kane, although the BOC would like this to be addressed in time for the 2025 Township budget. Discussion regarding a potential Beam Consulting proposal was tabled to next meeting.

3 Points for the Commissioners:

1. The MTPL board is in immediate need of more board members as we have not had any appointed since August of 2023. The Pennsylvania Library Code requires libraries that receive State Aid to have library boards with a minimum of 5 and maximum of 7 members. MTPLF board members whose terms expire, remain Board members until a replacement is appointed by the Board of Commissioners. With Rebecca Doster's 9/18/2024 resignation, the Board has 5 members, including Laura Slaymaker (who would like to resign from the board). Diana Reeves, Susan Dyson, and Brian Mahon's terms expire at the end of the year.
2. The MTPL board is still awaiting Rick Kane's report on the BOC recommendations on splitting the library board.
3. MTPLF received a \$50,000 donation in September and MTPL's Fall Harvest book sale generated approximately \$9,500 in sales.

Motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM by unanimous consent. Next meeting in Morgan Center of MTPL, October 23rd 2024, at 5:30 PM.

Recorded by Brian Mahon