

**Milford Public Library
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
October 6, 2021**

Board President, Mrs. Linda Wanosky, called the virtual meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:31 p.m., October 6, 2021.

Present

Excused

Absent

Mrs. Wanosky
Mrs. Kemp
Mrs. Creedon
Mrs. Oliver
Mrs. Zabinski
Mrs. Piselli
Ms. Uchaczyk
Mr. Smith
Mr. Schmidt
Alderman Marlow
Ms. Angeli
Ms. Pilla

Mr. Broesder

Public Presentation: None.

Disposition of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes, with one correction of Mr. Shaun Bennett's name, from September 1, 2021. Moved and seconded by Mrs. Creedon, Mrs. Kemp. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: None. Ms. Angeli noted that we are taking a hard look at our database subscriptions (e.g., Mango, Ancestry, Learning Express). The public address system upgrade is complete. An invoice for services rendered will be remunerated, from Fund 76 – Fines & Fees, this month. A discussion ensued on the overall PA status.

President's Report (Current News): None. Ms. Angeli commented on the New York Public Library's' elimination of all fines. Her recommendation was that we continue to collect fines. The Board agreed.

Policy Committee: A motion was made and seconded, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Kemp, to approve the revisions to Program Room Use, Exhibits, and Community Information policies, as submitted. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The next meeting on October 20 will review Circulation and Fines & Fees policies.

- *Under the Meeting Room Policy (draft), what about middle school students' usage?* This is currently under discussion

Buildings & Grounds Committee: The September 22 committee meeting was cancelled; the next meeting will be held on October 21. Ms. Angeli announced that there was another leak in Tech Services; to be addressed by Public Works. Additionally, the new window resealing has held up through two torrential rainstorms.

Donor Recognition Committee: Mrs. Wanosky reported there was no meeting held in September. The next meeting date, to discuss ideas on format, placement, costs, etc., will be scheduled at the November board meeting. Ms. Angeli will distribute quotes obtained from several vendors.

Director's Report/Statistics/Strategic Plan: Ms. Angeli read her October report and added:

- She will meet with a representative from Zoom next week to discuss hybrid programming.

Strategic Plan – Ms. Angeli held a preliminary meeting with supervisors. An additional meeting with staff will discuss updates on the strategic plan. A meeting with the board will follow to review the changes.

Friends of the Library Report: Ms. Pilla announced that they are currently seeking board members for several open positions. FOML will distribute Party in the Bag giveaways during National Friends of the Library week this month. They are also working on a Children's' advocacy campaign, used jewelry sale (11/13) and Holiday book sale (12/4).

New Business:

Furniture Expenditure – The Board revisited the following vote from January 8, 2020:

Request for funds for new furniture from Fund 76 (Fines & Fees). Moved and seconded by Mrs. Zabinski, Mr. Schmidt for up to \$90,000. Mrs. Creedon made a motion to amend the motion; Mrs. Piselli seconded to have a presentation by Creative Library Concepts to view a more detailed floor plan with options (i.e., color boards) and pricing. Vote was unanimous

Budget Discussion FY 2023 – Ms. Angeli will receive the initial budget packet on October 20 and will communicate her proposals (database usage, eContent increases, standalone MPL website) to the board in November.

Old Business:

- Passport advertising - signage is visible and posted on Facebook; the forms kiosk was relocated
- Former alderman liaison Frank Smith - The book *Political Theory* by Mark Peterson was selected in recognition
- Update on Shipyard Lane Grant – No update—Ms. Angeli will investigate. It was suggested to invite State Senator James Maroney to a future board meeting.

Motion to adjourn: 8:38 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Thomas
Board Clerk