

**Milford Public Library
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2021**

Board President, Mrs. Linda Wanosky, called the virtual meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:30 p.m., December 1, 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, as printed, from November 3, 2021. Moved and seconded by Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Creedon. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: None.

President's Report (Current News): Mrs. Wanosky announced the resignation of board member, Mr. Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt gave thanks to the board for their camaraderie during his two-year term. The board thanked Mr. Schmidt for being an invaluable member of the board and his support on the policy committee. In current news, Ms. Angeli noted there has been a marked uptick in book banning in schools/libraries--particularly regarding LGBTQ+ and critical race theory. MPL has a procedure in place for this issue (See Material Selection policy). A discussion ensued.

- *Are there any new city mandates due to the new Covid variant, Omicron...There have been no updates from Milford Health Department for facilities or policies. However, MHD has arranged clinics for employees to receive boosters.*

Policy Committee: A motion was made to accept the revised Computer & Internet Use policy. Moved and seconded by Mrs. Oliver, Ms. Uchaczyk. Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: The committee viewed and finalized the draft letter to Mayor Blake, the Board of Alderman and Public Works, at their November meeting. Ms. Angeli to send a copy to the board. Alderman Marlow suggested the alderman receive a tour of the library in order to address our immediate needs.

Donor Recognition Committee: Plans to meet in December, with FOML attendance, is TBD. Ms. Angeli indicated she has had not received any additional quotes from vendors.

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

- MPL will join with the state library for All CT Reads, in lieu of One City One Story. The book titles are Snapdragon by Kat Leyh (kid), One of the Good Ones by Maika & Maritza Moulite (teen), and Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi (adult). Ms. Angeli will email the link.
- *Does someone constantly monitor internet filtering...No, there is a log that staff can view.*
- *How many tablets are at each Hublet station...Six.*
- *What is Kanopy... A video streaming service for movies partnering with public libraries, ad-free and available on your TV, mobile phone, tablets and online.*

Friends of the Library Report: Ms. Pilla reported the jewelry sale was successful and they sold out early. There is potential for an additional sale in 2022. The Holiday book sale is scheduled for December 4. The recruitment of members for open board positions is ongoing.

New Business:

ACLB Membership – Ms. Angeli made a request to renew our ACLB membership (Fund 10 – Membership) for January 1 through December 31, 2022. A motion was made and seconded, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Zabinski. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Mrs. Wanosky encouraged board members to attend the various workshops—or view the videos on the ACLB website—for its valuable information.

Budget Discussion FY 2023 – Ms. Angeli denoted the FY 2023 budget was submitted with an increase, not including salaries. The next step is to meet with the mayor and finance director in December. TBD.

Library Internet Service Filtering - The Library is now filtering internet usage per federal CIPA guidelines.

An inquiry was made regarding the Director's goals review date (January or February?). Ms. Angeli to confirm. It will be added to the board meeting agenda accordingly.

Old Business:

- Update on Shipyard Lane Grant – Mr. Maroney responded to Ms. Angeli to say, as of November 9, he has not met with Mayor Blake; there has been no forward movement on the plan.

Motion to adjourn: 8:34 p.m. Moved and seconded by Mrs. Oliver, Ms. Uchaczyk. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Thomas
Board Clerk