

Regular Library Board Meeting Minutes
March 9th 2021

The regular meeting of the Marshall District Library was called to order by President Martha Frohm at 7:00pm.

Roll call was read by Secretary Mary Fountain.

Members present at the library: Mary Fountain, Martha Frohm, and M.J.Harting -Minkwic.
Members present via zoom: Kara Boughton, Joanne Davis, Ann Fitzpatrick, and Shelley Preston.

Others present: Angela Semifero.

President Frohm led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: M.J.Harting-Minkwic made a motion to approve the Agenda of the March 9th meeting. It was supported by Joanne Davis. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the February 9th meeting: M.J.Harting-Minkwic made a motion to approve the minutes. It was supported by Kara Boughton. Motion carried.

Swearing in of New Board Member: New Board Member Ann Fitzpatrick read the oath of office and was sworn in to the board.

Financial report, including approval of bills: Treasurer M.J.Harting-Minkwic made a motion on behalf of the finance committee that everything was in order and to pay the bills for February in the amount of \$71,054.49, supported by Mary Fountain. Roll call vote. All present voted yes.

Library Directors Report:

- Director Semifero explained the points of her written report.
- The library is picking up and in-person visits are now up to an hour.
- Marshall District Library continues in Phase 3 of reopening.
- A few children have been coming in for computer visits and use after school.
- Some of the staff have been on vacation or sick so Angela is seeing everyone.
- Library of Things is very popular.
- Matt is putting in a second access point at Marshall Township fire station, and the township is paying for it.
- Library Loot Subscription Box is a new activity and seems very popular. Box has a library book, snack, crafts, and a secret package.
- Angela met via zoom with other Library Directors in other states to discuss how Covid-19 has affected library services in other areas.
- See the Directors and Assistant Directors Reports for more information.

Committee Reports:

- Building and site-did not meet.
- Finance-met at 6:50 tonight and will meet next month at 6:45.
- Personnel-did not meet.
- Policy-will meet in April or May.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Board Elections

President Frohm asked if anyone else on the board was interested in becoming an officer, no one responded. Our slate of officers are as follows: Martha Frohm- President, Kara Boughton-Vice President, Mary Fountain-Secretary, and M.J. Harting-Minkwic Treasurer. Shelley Preston made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Joanne Davis supported it. Roll call vote. All present voted yes.

Comments from board members:

Joanne Davis asked about committee appointments. She also said her girls loved the Loot Box and her husband had used the Hotspot at Marshall Township.

Shelley Preston mentioned that a good job was done on the Library of Things. She asked about usage of Hot Spots at Marengo and Fredonia, but no way to monitor usage. Thank you for E-Book use and she thanks Nate for all he does and is appreciated. Nate receives PTO and does appreciate it.

Shelley thanks M.J. for taking over the Treasurer's job. She also mentioned doing away with Angela and Nates everyday reports and only mention important items. Shelley says she is so glad to be a part of this board.

We all welcome Ann Fitzpatrick to the board and she said how impressed and appreciative she is to be on the board.

M.J. commented on how impressed she is with the system in place for Bills and Operating Expenses and Financial Statements.

Martha Frohm thanked M.J. for taking over the Treasurer's job and welcomed Ann aboard.

Comments from the Public: none

Martha Frohm adjourned the meeting at 7:37pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 13th 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fountain, Secretary