



**Marcellus Free Library
Board of Trustees' Meeting
December 9, 2021-- 7:00pm**

Meeting Call to Order 7:00pm

Attending: Beth Anne Piper, Pat Dailey, Mary Drabot, Martha Fiacchi (call in), Jake Widrick, Shawn Gillen-Caryl, Gary Germain, Kathryn Dennis. Others: Sara Randolph, Michelle Merwarth (Friends of MFL)

Additions/Changes to Agenda: Agenda order

Review and Approval of Minutes from November Meeting: Gary Germain made a motion to approve. Shawn Gillen-Caryl seconded. Approved unanimously.

Vote to accept a Bid for Investment Advisory Services

Board briefly discussed previous meetings and recommendation to accept the proposal of Tompkins Financial Trust to provide investment services to the Library. Motion made by Shawn Gillen-Caryl to approve Tompkins Financial Trust as investment advisors, seconded by Gary Germain. Approved unanimously.

Vote to Approve 2022 Holiday Schedule: there was a brief discussion regarding the 2022 Holiday schedule proposed to the Board by Jake. Motion made by Beth Anne Piper to accept as presented the Holiday Schedule, seconded by Gary Germain. Approved unanimously.

Vote to Approve a Tax Cap override: Motion made by Gary Germain to allow the Library to request a tax levy increase in excess of the tax cap; seconded by Mary Drabot. Approved unanimously.

Director's Report

Reference is made to the previously distributed Director's Report.

Jake advised the Board of a new Law which makes us subject to refunds from a tax levy, if there were any. He indicated refunds do not seem likely at this time.

Attendance has been good including at programming. Jake indicated that Sophia has been active with programs and has had good reviews.

During early January the Library will be closed briefly for painting and lighting work. New and or revised COVID plan will be provided to Board members to remain in compliance with regulations.

Keplinger Freeman Associates will be coordinating a survey in the near future to determine where exactly we can build the boardwalk portion of the project.

There was a discussion regarding the annual meeting format, it was decided the meeting would be held similar regular Board meetings due to ongoing precautions with COVID.



Committee Reports

Friends: Michelle Merwarth reported, the Friends donated \$3,500 to the Library; reported on fundraising efforts from the Disney Basket raffle and fall book sale. The Friends decorated the Library for the holidays and will remove those decorations in January. Michele reminded the Board of the Friends' vacancy for their Vice President and a Basket Raffle Chairperson. Next meeting is January 26, 2022.

Finance

Reference is made to the previously distributed finance and budget report. No new items for discussion were brought up regarding the 2022 budget, as changes were made following the prior months review. Beth Anne Piper made a motion to approve the 2022 budget, seconded by Kathryn Dennis, approved unanimously.

New Business

Nothing further. See agenda for items added and addressed above.

Questions/Comments from the Public - none

Other Business:

On 12/21 Beth Anne Piper and Pat Dailey were approved as signers on investment accounts. The vote was held electronically.

Concluded meeting 7:48pm.

Next Board Meeting Date: January 27, 2022