



**Marcellus Free Library  
Board of Trustees' Meeting  
Meeting Minutes – JANUARY 30, 2025 @ 6:45 PM**

**Trustees present:** Dennis Robillard (President), Guy Donahoe (Vice President), Jeremy Pellizzari (Treasurer), Mary Drabot (Secretary), Michelle Hubbard, Marissa Cameron

**Also present:** Sophia Brandt (Director), Brigid Farrell (Assistant Director), Jackie Smith (Friends of MFL President), Sara Randolph (MFL Staff), Martha Dickey (MLF Staff)

**Meeting Called to Order by Dennis Robillard at 6:52 PM.**

**Additions/Changes to Agenda** None.

**Director's Report.**

Library Updates

- MCS D will offer a bus to the library every Wednesday for high schoolers to have transportation to the library. Brigid arranged for the bus and has teen programs planned for each Wednesday the bus is scheduled for.
- Newly added Children's Puzzle Collection is in the J FIC area next to the paperback section, and board games.

Programs, Services, Collections

- Winter Reading Challenge running until February 13<sup>th</sup>. So far, 132 adult submissions, 25 early childhood bingos, 50 elementary age bingos, and 6 tween/ten bingos.
- The Legislative Breakfast was a success. Assemblymember John Lemondes expressed that he would give funding to libraries in his district that develop rooftop gardens.

Library Stats – Key Takeaways

- Library traffic had an increase of 5.86% in 2024 from 2023.
- In 2024 there were 503 programs with a total attendance of 10,808. There was a 5.98% decrease in programs offered in 2024, with a 14.1% increase in participation.

**New Business**

- Discussion and Vote on New Officers
  - Motion to vote in Dennis Robillard as President made by Jeremy. Seconded by Michelle. Motion for Dennis as President approved unanimously.
  - Motion to vote in Guy Donahoe as Vice President made by Kathryn. Seconded by Dennis Robillard. Motion for Guy as Vice President approved unanimously.
  - Motion to vote in Mary Drabot as Secretary made by Dennis. Seconded by Jeremy Pellizzari. Motion for Mary as Secretary approved unanimously.



- Motion to vote in Jeremy Pellizzari as Treasurer made by Kathryn. Seconded by Dennis Robillar. Motion for Jeremy as Treasurer approved unanimously.
- Discussion and Vote on Committee Assignments
  - Motion to approve the following as committee members made by Kathryn. Seconded by Michelle. Motion to approve the following committee members approved unanimously:
    - Nominating Committee – Kathryn Dennis (Chair), Jeremy Pellizzari
    - Building & Maintenance Committee – Guy Donahoe (Chair), Marissa Cameron
    - Finance Committee – Jeremy Pellizzari (Chair),
    - Personnel and Policy Committee – Michelle Hubbard (Chair), Kathryn Dennis
    - Development Committee – Mary Drabot (Chair), Marissa Cameron
- Discussion and Vote on Tax Levy Increase: Motion to approve 2.5% levy made by Jeremy P. Motion seconded by Michelle H. Motion to approve 2.5% levy unanimously approved.

#### **Old Business**

- Motion to approve Unattended Child Policy made by Guy. Seconded by Mary. Motion to approve Unattended Child Policy unanimously approved.
- Motion to approve new NYS No Gun Signs & Policy made by Kathryn. Seconded by Jeremy. Motion to approve NYS No Gun Signs & Policy unanimously approved.

**Questions/Comments from the Public.** none

**Other Business** Jeremy spoke to a patron who had donated but was not listed in the newsletter. We believe her donation came in shortly after the newsletter was published. Future listings will make note of donations through a certain date.

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kathryn. Motion seconded by Marissa. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Minutes recorded by: Mary Drabot

**Next Board Meeting Date – Thursday, MARCH 13, 2025**