

Mexico Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2021

Attending: Julie Forbes, Dorothy Dineen, Colleen Grzesik, Lisa Fleming, Tracy Fleming, Sharon Anderson, Mary Beth Horn, John Ferry, Russell Partrick

Excused:

Visitors:

Previous Minutes Motion to Approve:

MB. Horn moved to approve the minutes of the 01/13/21 board meeting with the Next Meeting Date updated, seconded by S. Anderson - *All in favor*

Treasurer's Report:

- Account balances as of 02/28/21:
 - Pathfinder Building Fund Checking \$2,835.19
 - Pathfinder Checking Operating..... \$208,991.44
 - Pathfinder R.E. & L.C. Brown Memorial..... \$11,210.00
 - ❖ Total Bank and Cash Accounts **\$223,036.63**
- Income increased ≈ \$25,000 as checks were deposited from County and Town funding
- Expenses increased ≈ \$1,000 for payment of NYS Disability and Workers' Compensation Insurance
 - J. Ferry made a motion to move this expense off the Property Insurance line, seconded by R. Partrick – All in favor
- *S. Anderson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by MB. Horn - All in favor*

Library Director's Report:

- Circulation is about half of what it typically was before Covid; wireless sessions still very active
- 27 responses were received from the MPL Survey – Patrons reported books were their main draw to the library; they would also like to see the newsletter return and would be interested in more adult programming
- As staff is getting vaccinated, the library may reopen in-person browsing in mid-April. If all goes well, hours may be expanded in June with continued Covid precautions
- All programming, including the Summer Program, will remain virtual due to social distancing regulations
- Elementary students enjoyed the virtual Dr. Seuss Day
- Dorothy will share the Health Emergency Plan with board members through email for approval
- NCLS will begin charging their libraries a fee to offset their state funding cut. MPL's projected increase would be \$574.64 and would cover all current services. Discussion with NCLS is continuing
- The board discussed asking for an increase in public funding to offset rising expenses

Other Business:

- The Cider Run is still in need of a director. The board may break up the job into several smaller tasks that members would be responsible for. Further discussion will happen via Zoom on April 7th

Technology Report: Nothing new to report

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 5:00pm

With no further business, R. Partrick moved to adjourn, seconded by S. Anderson

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Fleming
Library Board Secretary