

Mexico Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2022

Attending: Julie Forbes, Dorothy Dineen, Lisa Fleming, Tracy Fleming, Mary Beth Horn, John Ferry, Reagan Kanaley, Colleen Grzesik

Excused: Sharon Anderson

Visitors:

Previous Minutes Motion to Approve:

J. Ferry moved to approve the minutes of the 11/11/21, seconded by T. Fleming - *All in favor*

Treasurer's Report:

- Account balances as of 10/31/21:
 - Pathfinder Building Fund Checking \$2,835.91
 - Pathfinder Checking Operating..... \$214,746.78
 - Pathfinder R.E. & L.C. Brown Memorial..... \$11,214.75
 - Pathfinder Savings \$116.00
 - ❖ Total Bank and Cash Accounts **\$228,913.44**
- The 2021 Income and Expenses totals were comparable to the 2020 totals
- *MB Horn moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by L. Fleming – All in favor*

Library Director's Report:

- Circulation is down compared to 2019 but improving
- Computer usage also down, however wireless is still very popular
- Christmas in Mexico was very successful with over 340 visitors and 50 gingerbread house kits distributed
- The Vacation and Paid Holiday Policy was reviewed
 - *J. Ferry motioned to approve the Policy as written, seconded by J. Forbes – All in favor*
- Dorothy shared her progress on the Annual Report to the Community
- Dorothy is still waiting to hear back from the plumber to repair the water fountain
- Mason work will be pushed back until spring due to weather
- MPL will soon be adding Hoopla, a digital media app, for patrons to enjoy e-books, audio books, movies, TV, and music for free. The library will cap its fees at \$300 a month
- The board reviewed and discussed the budget; Following discussion *J. Forbes made a motion to increase our annual funding, seconded by R. Kanaley, all in favor and carried the resolution as follows:*

Resolved, that pursuant to Education Law, Section 259, the Board of Education of the Mexico Central School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$10,000 (in addition to the current annual appropriation of \$75,000 for a total of \$85,000 annually), which shall be paid to the Mexico Public Library for the support and maintenance of the library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Mexico Central School District.

Other Business:

- Julie Forbes is in the process of applying for MPL's membership to the Mexico Chamber of Commerce

Technology Report: Tracy shared the information he learned regarding the cost of hot spots; Dorothy will be checking with other library directors to see what service they are using

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 5:00pm

With no further business, J. Ferry moved to adjourn, seconded by T. Fleming

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Fleming
Library Board Secretary