



Minutes

June 22, 2022

Call to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Location: Wilfred Silvia Trust Room, Middleborough Public Library

Board Present: Barbara Chadwick, Colleen Evers, Diane Fay, Paula Fay, Tony Freitas, Randy Gagne

Board Absent: Dawn Craig (Notified Colleen of planned absence following outreach)

FMPL Members Present: Dave Pincus, Jessica Pincus

Communications: Colleen read letters of resignation from Pat Condry, Diana Lawson, and Chasity Menard. Discussion also took place pertaining to resignation by default of Tracy Mazilli.

Review of By-laws: Board of Director members must be active members of FMPL. Randy serves as non-voting Board member. Appointment of new Board members and filling vacant offices done by Majority Vote of Board.

New appointments to Board: David Pincus and Jessica Pincus (Motion: Paula & Tony, Vote – Unanimous)

Vacant Offices Appointment: Diane Fay, Secretary (Motion: Paula & Tony, Vote – Unanimous) and Paula Fay, Vice-President (Motion: Tony & Diane, Vote – Unanimous)

Treasurer's Update: General Fund and Parking Lot Fund remain solvent. Transfer of fund from Parking Lot fund to General fund to offset transaction issue pertaining to payment of parking lot invoice from general fund discussed and approved. Vanguard funds remain stable. Issues pertaining to distributions being reviewed.

Update of Non-Profit Status: Colleen will contact Pat McManus to move the process of reestablishing non-profit status forward. Concerns that current lack of designation might impact decisions relating to grants.

June Fundraising/Program Review: June Tea brought in a profit of \$ 665.69 with a cost/person of \$8.53. Brick Fundraiser currently projecting a profit of \$ 290.50. Annual membership funds increased by \$215 for a current total of \$2,690. Teddy Bear Picnic was budgeted at \$ 600, and expenditures were \$480.37. Items for review include portable sound system and refinements for next year include more entertainment/activities. Amanda Meyers has provided a “punch list” for next year’s event.

Events/Activities Update & Discussion:

Movie Night: Gates open at 7:30 for attendees. Concession staffing/set up to start at 4:30. Main Ingredient to handle stocking of product. Remaining items will be sold at other activities. Capacity of field is dependent on set up of screen. After function, discussion regarding feasibility of similar events and equipment acquisition options including funding via Peirce Trust.

Toe Jam Concert: Event is Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 on Town Lawn. FMPL will have table to sell snacks and market canvas bags. Bags to have “Fill the Bag” coupon and summer hour notice. Notify Sandy of program so Ex Libris staff know process of collecting the “FtB coupon”. Paula will use \$100 cash from brick money to establish bank for item sales.

Funding/Grant Opportunities for Events: Cultural Council Funds: Paula attended a recent meeting of Cultural Council. FMPL will submit request to fund Downton event in 2023.

Downtown Improvement Stakeholders: Downtown Improvement Committee holding meeting on June 30 at 5:30 at The Bridge of various stakeholders involved with contributing to the growth and prosperity of Historic Downtown Middleborough. FMPL will send representatives to that meeting. FMPL will participate in the official Reveal Day on Saturday, October 1. Official rollout of the canvas bags will take place. FMPL will also look at creating a “Historic Downtown Middleborough” activity book to be produced by Bristol-Plymouth Vocational.

COA Community Resource Event: FMPL will join the Middleborough Public Library at the Community Resource Fair being conducted by the Council on Aging in October. Discussion took place pertaining to obtaining table signage. Paula will meet with Anthony at Abi-Saad to review local options and if not doable locally, will explore other options. Paula will obtain information and report back in July. (Motion: Tony & Jessica, Vote Unanimous)

Book Bag Fundraiser: Soft roll-out will take place through the summer and at September Tea. Fund collection box needs to be obtained for Main Circulation Desk. Full roll-out will take place during Historic Downtown Middleborough Reveal on October 1. Discussion and planning with Ex Libris will begin this month.

Sunday Concert Series Fundraiser: Performers have been scheduled. Total cost has been negotiated at \$2,400. Awaiting response on Ocean Spray grant. If needed, funding will be sought from other sources. Library will be able to produce layout for larger signage. Randy will explore serving of wine/beer with Library Board of Trustees. If approved, six, day licenses will be obtained from Town.

Mini-Golf Fundraiser: Awaiting finalization of date prior to scheduling with vendor. This fundraiser will consist of evening, ticketed event and daytime, family event.

September Tea Fundraiser: Menu and date identified. Open to FMPL members only until July 1, then open to public.

2023: Downton Abbey Performance & Dinner Fundraiser: The weekend of November 4, 2023 will be explored as date of event. Paula will explore availability of Grand Ballroom at Town Hall and History at Play troupe and book event accordingly. Paula to provide menu options to Main Ingredient. If needed, availability of commercial kitchen will be explored. Potential ticket cost is \$75.

Library Parking Lot: Tony is exploring mulching and/or stone barrier option with local landscapers. Tony will also explore fencing costs and report information back at July meeting. Discussion regarding Right of Way restrictions took place. No decision made regarding that issue.

Wreath Fundraiser, "Circle of the Seasons" will be reviewed and scheduled in Fall of 2023.

Col. Peter H. Peirce House: Discussion on shingle upgrades taking place. Feasibility of cleaning back lot for library programs identified as possible conversation item with Mr. Decas.

FY2023 Budget for Library Programs: Randy presented his proposed budget in the amount of \$14,621. Paula indicated that the commitment to the Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic is not included in this request, and it had previously been determined that it would be funded separately. Decision was made to contribute \$16,000 to handle activities outlined by Randy. (Motion: Paula & Diane, Vote- Unanimously)

Other Items – Not addressed:

Midlib.org Updates

Touch Screen Monitors/Kiosks

Fundraising/Event Calendar

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 27, 2022, at 6:00. Meeting was Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Fay