

Mt. Morris Library Board Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2024

5:00 PM

Trustees present: Stephanie Gehrig, Roselyn Rudney, Donna Todd, Gary Moore, and Jon LaDelfa

Trustees present by FaceTime: Joanne Privitera

Trustee absent: Colleen Proctor

Others present: Fernanda Astiz, Director

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by President S. Gehrig

Motion to approve January 22, 2024 minutes by J. LaDelfa, 2nd by R. Rudney: Motion carried (6 ayes)

No Treasurer's report

- J. LaDelfa did report that CD has been moved from Community Bank to Five Star Bank

Motion to approve Director's Report by G. Moore, 2nd by D. Todd: Motion carried (6 ayes)

- Yearly Report has been submitted to NYS before due date
- Fernanda has been named a Woman of Distinction for the 133rd District
 - Marjorie Burns will present award to Fernanda on April 5th
- \$10,000 grant from American Library Association

Old Business

- Review of Bidding & Procurement Policy and Long Range Plan email vote (6 ayes, 1 nay:JL)
 - No discussion, but J. LaDelfa wanted it noted he is against Affirmative Action
- Bathroom construction
 - **Motion to start bathroom construction** after the President and Treasurer review contracts by G. Moore, 2nd by D. Todd: Motion carried (6 ayes)
 - **Motion to have extra shelving unit stored** on G. Moore's property until needed by the library by J. LaDelfa, 2nd by R. Rudney: Motion carried (6 ayes)

New Business

- **Motion to purchase a storage shed** not to exceed \$1,600.00 by G. Moore, 2nd by R. Rudney: Motion carried (6 ayes)

Motion to Adjourn at 5:53 PM by G. Moore, 2nd by R. Rudney: Motion carried (6 ayes)

NEXT MTG: Monday, **May 6**, 2024 at **5:00 PM** unless special meeting needed to be called by President Gehrig

Mount Morris Library Association

Dr. M. Fernanda Astiz

Director's Report, March 4th, 2024

News and Other

The Annual Report for NYS was successfully completed and submitted by its due date. Fernanda thanks the Board of Trustees and Dennis Canary for their assistance and support.

Fernanda secured an ALA grant "Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities" in the amount of \$10,000.

Thanks to Gary and Assemblywoman Byrnes, Fernanda was named NYS 2024 Woman of the Year for the 133rd District.

Open Interview event at the library-NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities-Finger Lakes.

The library continues to offer home delivery to older adults and people with special needs.

Fernanda and Donna attended a very short LCPLAC online meeting on February 21st. The group will review its Bylaws in the upcoming months and discuss the Livingston County OWWL Passthrough Grant.

Fernanda submitted the budget request to the School District.

The FFRPL Tummonds Fund Grant Agreement will be coming soon. Eligible libraries will receive an increase in 2024.

Professional development

Fernanda participated in several professional development workshops.

- CPR and First Aid (she renewed her certificate).
- Cataloging.
- Preservation Techniques and Methods.
- Connecting with the Community.

Programming

1. Black History Month Display.

2. Valentine's Day display.
3. Candy Jar Guessing Game, 53 participants and 3 winners!
4. Stay Home Moms Club. Participants meet every other Saturday at the library.
5. Young Adult and Adult Craft Night. St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Decorating.
6. Family event during school winter break: Snowflakes & Snowmen.
7. ESL classes are taking place at the library every Saturday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.
8. Fernanda is coordinating the schedule for the Older Adults Literature and Dance Program with the Livingston County Office for the Aging and the involved dancers.
9. The library has been accepted to be a part of the 2024 OWWL Library System-Bilingual Books Partnership Program. 31 bilingual books were received.

Free Virtual Programs

1. Women's Work: New York Historical Society Exhibition
<https://greenburghlibrary.libcal.com/event/11021450>
Tuesday, March 5, 7 PM
Virtual presentation from Greenburgh Public Library and New York Historical Society and learn about "women's work."
2. Fearless Women: Feminist Patriots from Abigail Adams to Beyoncé
Speaker: Elizabeth Cobbs, Ph.D.
Tuesday, March 5
12:00pm - 1:00pm EST

Elizabeth Cobbs tells the story of women who dared to take destiny into their own hands, and who fueled America's political and economic growth in the process.

Elizabeth Cobbs is a historian, novelist, and documentary filmmaker. Author of nine books, she has won prizes for fiction as well as non-fiction. She has served on the jury for the Pulitzer Prize in History and the Historical Advisory Committee of the U.S. State Department, and written for the *New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Washington Post*, and Reuters. A Stanford Ph.D., Cobbs is an Emeritus Professor at Texas A&M.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Fernanda Astiz