

**Mamaroneck Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Minutes for April 26nd , 2023**  
**Mamaroneck Public Library**

1. Call to Order
  - Ellen Freeman, President, called the meeting to order at 7:47 pm.
  - Board members present: George Mgrditchian, Lilliana Diaz Pedrosa, Ellen Freeman, Sonya Giacobbe, Elenita Chmilowski, Paul Ryan, Fiona Palmer, Ellen Hauptman, Janice Goldklang and Sid Albert
  - Also present: Jennifer O’Neill, Library Director,
  
2. Motion to approve minutes
  - A motion to approve the minutes from the March 2023 meeting was made by Sonya Giacobbe and seconded by Paul Ryan and unanimously approved by the board.
  
3. Motion to approve expenditures
  - Expenditures for April 2023 were circulated for review. A motion to approve the expenditures was made by Sonya Giacobbe and seconded by Lilliana Diaz Pedrosa and unanimously approved by the board. Noted that book expenses were for backordered books, no new books have been ordered this month.
  
4. Financial Report
  - Financial report was presented by Ellen Hauptman, board member.
  
5. Statement to public
  - Members of the public were present at the meeting and Ellen Freeman, Board President, made a statement acknowledging their presence and outlining steps the library board were taking to restore the financial health of the library. Fundraising and other revenue sources will continue to offset the taxpayer burden of the Tax Anticipatory Note (TAN)
  
- 6 Sub-committees reports
  - Finance Committee
    - Non-board members of the finance committee were introduced, Rhett Thurman and Francis Lively. Both are Mamaroneck Village residents with experience in the financial industry and in non-profit boards. They have offered their time to help the finance committee in preparing a new budget and reporting.

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- New financial control procedures were circulated. These were formed with the advice of forensic auditors, Nawrocki Smith, working with the library and by examining recommendations of the VOM. Controls will continue to be fine tuned and posted on our website
- The finance committee is Ellen Hauptman, George Mgrditchian, Lillian Diaz Pedrosa, Rhett Thurman and Francis Lively.

Fundraising committee

- Fundraising committee will meet for the next 4 Wednesdays at 7pm in the library to discuss multiple efforts and co-ordinating fundraising events.

Centennial event committee

- The centennial event committee continues to plan an October 2023 event with invited authors for both children and adults.

7. Discussion of the Director's Reports for March

- Jennifer O'Neill reported on plans for a "Community Fridge Project" that has been initiated by an organization Grassroots Grocery. Jennifer O'Neill and Joe DeRenzis attended a large meeting of community leaders and interested residents and have offered, in concept, the library for consideration as a hosting venue (outdoors) for the proposed community fridge. This is only one proposed venue and no decision has been made. The board asked for more information before a formal decision is made.

8. Old Business

- Emelin Theater contract has been reviewed and confirmed that the Emelin Theatre is in good standing with the library. A meeting with the Emelin Theater Board President is pending.

9. New Business

- At the next meeting a slate of officers will be decided.

10. Adjournment to executive session

- A motion to adjourn the meeting to executive session to discuss an ongoing investigation was made by Fiona Palmer at 8:55 and seconded by Paul Ryan

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Executive session was closed and meeting adjourned at 10:30 with no further discussion

Respectfully submitted,  
Fiona Palmer