

**Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2024**

Trustees & Liaisons present:

Frank Casale, Julie Edwards, Alexandra Kisielewski, Anthony Lohay, Dick Malina, Rebecca Myers, Mary Ann Quinn, Paul Alvarez (Village Liaison), Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison)

Also present: John Fearon, Library Director; Martha Mesiti, Assistant Library Director

Trustees & Liaisons absent: Kent Anker

**Call to order**

Administrative: Trustee Myers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, seconded by Trustee Kisielewski.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the October 17, 2024, Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Malina, and passed.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

**Opportunity to Hear from Liaisons**

Liaison Alvarez announced that the Village has two candidates for Library Trustee. With regard to the timeline for Master Plan Phase I, he indicated that the Village will be meeting on Monday (November 25) about the Library. Liaison Sialiano said that the Town is facing increased costs on several fronts, but that they would be bonding for the Library's Master Plan Phase I. He said he would speak to Supervisor Fulgenzi and the Board to underscore the importance of setting a timeline for the Master Plan implementation.

**Claims of Payment**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Myers, and seconded by Trustee Lohay, that:

It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the following payments for the month of November 2024:

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$1,023.20
- Invoices charged against the General fund: \$79,011.34

- Invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$1,502.03

**202411-01     The motion passed.**

### **Director's Report**

Library finances are in good health, and the Library expects to be able to transfer \$150,000 - \$175,000 to its Reserve Fund at year's end. Over the past month the Library has faced some staffing shortages (due to illnesses and the loss of one weekend custodian) and various facilities issues (especially a repair entailing asbestos abatement and related closures). The Library is looking to contract with a cleaning service for alternate weekend cleaning and on-call support.

The Library is planning some new collaborations with the Jacob Burns Film Center involving a thematically curated "JBFC corner" at the Library as well as a screening at the JBFC for kids in the summer reading program.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Quinn, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, that:

It is hereby resolved 1) that the Westchester Knitting Guild be authorized to meet at the Library more than four times in 2024, and 2) that the following groups be authorized to meet at the Library more than four times in 2025:

- Westchester Knitting Guild
- Mystery Book Club
- Comedy Performance Workshop
- People Love Yarn
- Mah Jongg open play

**202411-02     The motion passed.**

### **Local History Collection**

The Library has thirty scrapbooks of uncertain origin documenting Charles Lindbergh's flight and subsequent life, from 1927-1944. The collection may have come from Raymond Orteig, who put up money for Lindbergh's trans-Atlantic flight, but it has no discernable connection to Mount Pleasant or to the Library. Moreover, it is not a complete set, and some volumes are in poor condition. Assistant Director Mesiti hopes to donate the collection to an institution such as an aviation museum or Lindbergh archive that would be a more appropriate home for it.

**New Business**

A small but unruly segment of kids are causing problems in the afterschool period from approximately 2:30 – 4:00 pm. Assistant Director Mesiti will be reaching out to the Pleasantville Middle School and to Bedford Road School, and the Library will be sending a letter out to parents informing them of the issues. Children who do not follow the rules will be asked to leave. The Library cannot be responsible for unsupervised children.

Trustee Quinn moved for adjournment at 8:15 pm, seconded by Trustee Edwards.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Quinn  
Secretary