

Mountain Top Library

Regular Board Meeting

May 16 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Bob Hersey.

Present were Bob Hersey, Beverly Feml, Ellen Manfredi, Stephanie Streich, Cathy Wade , Leslie Merlin and Maureen Garcia, library director. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion made by Cathy Wade, 2nd by Stephanie Streich and passed.

Treasurer's Report: full report is attached. Mortgage was a flexible rate that had come due. It is now a fixed rate at 6% with the last payment due on Jan 1 2028. Mortgage balance is \$45,434. So less than 5 years left on the mortgage. Capital Reserve account has been set aside for emergency repairs. Capital Building account is where the mortgage payments come from. Today's balance in operating account is \$47,185.

Director's Report: full report is attached. Summer hires are being interviewed. Town Board meeting will be at the library on May 23. Summer program calendar is filling up. Earth Day festivities will be on June 3rd.

Building Report: parking lot lighting timer seems to need some attention. Bob Hersey will take a look. Lights out in library can hopefully be changed from a ladder so we don't have to get the lift. Parking lot needs a new grate and will need paving in the next few years. Maureen will call DEC for guidance concerning the porous paving and funding.

Friends Report: EBay book sales continue slowly but surely . Over \$1000 netted for 47 sales. Friends will be presenting their gift of a book to Kindergarten and PreK this Friday. We can once again be in the classroom for that event.

Old Business. Discussion 414 petitions. Ellen will check signatures against voter registration rolls and report in the next few days on how many more we need. At this point it is very doable. Stephanie will try to get more at a school function. Ellen will set up a spot at the Songbirds concert on June 9 to try to get some there. Attendance needs to be good at our June meeting when we need a quorum to accept the petitions before we can give them to the Town Clerk.

New Business: Deborah Royce will again be kind enough to have a book signing for her new book "Reef Road" on August 4 at the library.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 20 at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at on a motion made by Bev, 2nd by Cathy and passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Ellen Manfredi, Secretary

MOUNTAIN TOP LIBRARY - TREASURER'S REPORT
April 30, 2023

BANK BALANCES AS OF April 30, 2023:

General Operating Account:	\$ 58,463.97
Capital/Building Account:	\$ 33,678.41
Capital Reserve Account:	\$ 39,878.76
Memorial/Scholarship Account	\$ 2,514.83
Amazon Smiles	\$ 183.31
Book Sale Account (Friends)	\$ 1,035.89
Mortgage balance -	\$ 45,434.53

Respectfully submitted,



Beverly Femi, Treasurer

Director's Report

May 2023

Last month there was a total of visitors 820 and 259 Wifi connections. The following programs occurred with the amount in attendance listed:

Piano Hour continues and will throughout the summer. The impromptu yoga is ongoing during this as well. Story time continues with volunteer, Mary from Platte Clove.

Digital Help is no longer being offered weekly, but will continue monthly with Jaki's help. The kick off being June 1 with the culmination of her Digital Navigator program and an all-day offering for digital literacy assistance here at Mountain Top Library. This event was shared with the Greene County Libraries Association to share with all Greene County Library Patrons.

We are helping the County get the word out about feedback needed in the proposed "Hazardous Mitigation and Resilience Plan" Binder, feedback forms and links to access.

HTC MS/HS Field Trips Special Education and Library Class have been coming for weekly field trips. They were all issued a Library Card. They are enjoying utilizing the space.

Senator Hinchey's Mobile Office Hours had 3 visitors.

We will be starting weekly Yoga and LEGO club this Thursday and continue through summer. We will be hosting the Town of Hunter's Board Meeting on May 23.

Jaki and I will be attending the community service day at HTC Elementary on May 19. We are reading to students as well as bringing the Library's LEGOs for some building fun. Our Friends Group will be there in the morning for their yearly book donation to Pre-k and K.

The summer calendar is almost officially set. (See attached list of our line-up!) I am currently compiling the appeal donor lists and working on first copy for Susan's review of the appeal letter and bookmark.

I am meeting with MHLS on a weekly basis for the website updates and look to launch live by mid-June, when appeal goes out.

The new computer is ordered as well as some of the recommended equipment and sent 2 of the older PC towers. One to be updated and reconfigured and other for parts to do so. We are scheduling MHLS tech support visit to help install all new equipment and upgrade any all devices necessary to do so.

I proposed two special program project to our representatives Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assembly member Chris Tague. There is a significant amount of discretionary spending in their bullet aid. Hopefully they continue to see the value of Libraries. I sent them thank you on our behalf as well for their effort securing Library funding in the State Budget. We continue the efforts to reduce the amount of signatures need for the 414 ballot petition. Unfortunately, this will likely not be determined in time for our time line this year.

Respectfully Submitted, Maureen Garcia ~ Director