

**Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of February 20, 2025**

Trustees & Liaisons present:

Kent Anker, Frank Casale, Julie Edwards, Alexandra Kisielewski, Anthony Lohay, Dick Malina, Meredith Hale

Also present:

John Fearon, Library Director; Martha Mesiti, Assistant Library Director

Trustees & Liaisons absent: Rebecca Myers, Paul Alvarez (Village Liaison), Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison)

Administrative: Trustee Kent Anker called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. (Seconded by Frank Casale)

The minutes of the January 16, 2025 Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Dick Malina, seconded by Trustee Julie Edwards, and passed.

Opportunity to Hear from the Public

NONE

Opportunity to Hear from Liaisons

NONE

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Julie Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Dick Malina, that:

It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the following payments for the month of February, 2025:

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$1,246.76
- Invoices charged against the General fund: \$60,604.29
- Invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$765.43

202502-01 The motion passed.

Directors Report

- Can we provide any updates about Director hiring to Library staff?
- In order to discuss hiring updates, the next Library Board Meeting will be pushed up to Thursday, March 13.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Alexandra Kisielewski, and seconded by Trustee Meredith Hale, that:

It is hereby resolved that Director be authorized to sign the following contracts:

- February 21, 2025 with Stuart Vance Designs: Base price of \$17,160 for Art Director consulting services from 01/01/2025 through 02/28/2026
- February 24, 2025 with CClean: Base price of \$5,870 for cleaning services from 02/24/2025 through 02/28/2026

202502-02 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Julie Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Frank Casale, that:

It is hereby resolved that Domenico Sanna be allowed to use the Library's Community Room more than four times in 2025 in order to run a comic book drawing club for local students.

202502-03 The motion passed.

IRS 990

Online platform does not have 2024 forms in place yet

Committees *Should we set up a quarterly meeting schedule for these?

- **Finance** = Dick Malina (Chair), Frank Casale, Anthony Lohay
- **Personnel** = Frank Casale, Anthony Lohay, Kent Anker
- **Building & Grounds** = Alexandra Kisielewski, Anthony Lohay, Kent Anker, Julie Edwards
- **Organizational** = Rebecca Myers (Chair), Meredith Hale

New Business

- The Board recommends that Director John Fearon create a detailed "roadmap" highlighting critical documents/folders to serve as a transition document for his successor
- The Board recommends that the library arrange a staff training to prepare for ICE Officer interactions on library grounds; It may be helpful to have specific members of the library staff act as designated liaisons (an on-site "spokesperson") who are prepared to speak with ICE officers if the occasion arises; One option for putting this in place is to refer to existing policies adopted by the Recreation Center or by the Town and Village

- Who from the Board (or library staff) might serve as a liaison to the Friends of the Library organization?; will be helpful to have one designated voice Friends can refer to with book sale questions
- The Board agrees to have the programming team purchase a new tent that will show the new library logo

Executive Session

At 8:12 PM, on a motion by Trustee Frank Casale, seconded by Trustee Meredith Hale, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel.

At 8:47 PM the Board came out of Executive Session

Trustee Dick Malina moved for adjournment at 8:47 pm, seconded by Trustee Julie Edwards.

Next regular meeting: Thursday March 13, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Kisielewski
Secretary