

MAPLA Board Meeting
Rocky Gap
April 11, 2019
11:00 am
Location: Allegany Room

Meeting Minutes

Board members:

Michael Blackwell, President (filling John Walden's term)
Anita Vassallo, Vice President
Jackie Adams, Past President
Debby Bennett, Secretary/Treasurer
Skip Auld, at-large member
Sharan Marshall, at-large member
Carrie Willson, at-large member
Elizabeth Hulett, at-large member
Stephanie, Szymanski, Administrative Assistant to MAPLA

Finance committee members;

Debby Bennett
Michael Blackwell
Jackie Adams

All were present except Jackie Adams. Joe Thompson, MLA president, Ed Goyda from Somerset and Irene Padilla, State Librarian were also present.

President Blackwell called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

Minutes of the October 2018 meeting were read. Sharan Marshall moved that the minutes be approved as written. Anita Vassallo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The group reviewed for the meeting minutes Michael Blackwell taking over as President November 2018 for John Walden, Queen Anne's County. John left to take a position in South Carolina.

Reviewed FY2020 MAPLA Board terms/membership

Officers and At-Large members

- Montgomery County is interviewing people now for the Library's Executive Director position. If Anita becomes Executive Director, she would be happy to be MAPLA President in FY2020 (October – Sept).
- Roberta Phillips, new Chief Executive Officer for PGCMC is still very new, so we would give her another year to acclimate. Should she or Ed Goyda, Somerset become MAPLA Vice President, President Elect?

- If Anita is not chosen as Montgomery's Executive Director, there will be a new person in that position, and we would pass them for another year. Passing PGCML as well would make Ed Goyda FY2020 MAPLA President. Then we would need to choose a VP, President Elect. Perhaps Roberta, PGCML.
- Debby Bennett is willing to continue as Secretary/Treasurer, but that needs to go to a vote to the entire MAPLA membership.
- Jackie Adams would come off of the board as Past President and Michael Blackwell will become Past President.
- All the At-Large members agreed to continue. This also should go to a vote to the entire MAPLA membership.

Finance Committee

- Jackie Adams comes off the committee.
- Elizabeth Hulett is willing to serve on this committee with Debby and Michael Blackwell.

Financial Report

- Stephanie reviewed the current budget report through March 31, 2019.
- She has a team of Carroll County Public Library financial staff that assist her with the MAPLA finances.
 - They are still working on the 990.

Review FY20 Budget and Dues that were approved at the Fall 2018 MAPLA meeting

- Everyone was given a handout of both. There may be a few changes necessary in the budget. Irene Padilla will check to see if MSL is now paying for the MLLI food (\$1000 listed under Office Expense & Maintenance section of the MAPLA budget).

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- Discussed that this was a quiet year. The move over to CGRP went well.
- Some discussion about next year. The Legislative Task Force will meet with Hannah and team in the summer to strategically plan for next legislative session regarding perhaps asking for an increase in Capital Grant Funding. Also discussed the what ifs if there is another recession.

Review of upcoming MAPLA meetings dates and locations for Summer 2019, Fall 2019, and Winter 2020

Discussed needing to avoid some additional meeting dates. Please email them to Michael B, Stephanie & Debby

- July 10, 2019: PGCML's New Carrollton Branch
- October 3-4, 2019 Annual Meeting: Dunes Manor Hotel, Ocean City
- January 16, 2020: SLRC/ newly renovated Pratt Central, Baltimore
- April ?-?, 2020 Rocky Gap
- July 2020 New Annapolis (West Street) Branch
- January 2021 Montgomery County's Wheaton Branch
- July 2021 St. Mary's new Leonardtown Branch

There being no other meeting business, Carrie Willson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Skip Auld seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.