

**BUTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING
September 4, 2014**

Meeting called to order: by Marijaine Brandau at 8:00 PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Camille Piccirillo, Marie Pra, Catherine Chadwick, Annette Jimmerson, Louis Coiro. Mariijane Brandau, Mayor Alviene and Margaret Assante

Required posting was made in compliance with the Sunshine Law

President's Comments: No comments

Minutes from last meeting:

I have looked at the minutes for the last meeting and they were fine. Would anyone like to make a motion to approve the minutes? Annette Jimmerson makes a motion to approve the minutes. Camille seconds the motion. The motion passes.

Director's Report:

- Museum Pass Program up and running, we have had three patrons in the past week check out passes, smooth sailing and plenty of interest and good feedback
- Spoke to Jim Lampmann regarding maximum occupancy and security cameras. The Boro does not have security cameras installed in the building. Jim is sending someone to the library to check out the areas we want monitored and he will get back to me with a price. The Fire Marshall will come by to let us know the occupancy limits so that we can cement the details for movie night. ***Catherine will follow up and get the occupancy situation rectified early next week. She stated that with all the compliance issues that she was involved in diverted her attention and will see that the issue is resolved soon.***
- Attended the Planning Council and Membership Meeting at MCL. The Directors from the member libraries voted on the By-Laws of MAIN and the Membership Agreement. While I was aware of the non-compliance status of the Butler Library for not having a FT Director and the lack of Trustee training at the State level (see letter from the state), I was not aware that the requirements to maintain

membership in MAIN that the By-Laws stipulate that the library meet the requirements at the State level. It makes sense to me to forfeit the State Aid (approximately \$3700) rather than pay a full time Director salary. Being out of compliance with MAIN By-Laws puts Butler in jeopardy of losing the benefits (outlined separately) of the Consortium (an agreement, combination, or group formed to undertake an enterprise beyond the resources of any one member pricing). Please see letter from MAIN president Joan Hipp regarding a plan to bring Butler into compliance enabling Butler to continue reaping the benefits of the Consortium. Non-compliance with MAIN will create a tremendous financial burden on Butler and change the function and form of the Library. ***“a discussion ensued about the viability of hiring a full time director, where the money would come from and providing benefits, Catherine explained to the board that the Boro had to offer benefits, not necessarily provide them, she explained that she would keep her own benefits at a much lower cost that the board originally thought. The board agreed to ask for an extension regarding the letter MAIN sent regarding compliance in order to comply. The board also agreed that Catherine would be made full time sometime in the fiscal year 2015.*”**

Benefits of MAIN (Morris Automated Information Network)

Shared ILL (Integrated Library System) – Presently Butler is one of 37 libraries in Morris County that share the cost of POLARIS. POLARIS provides our patrons with the ability to borrow anything from any of the member libraries. At present Butler patrons borrow over 700 items from other libraries in the MAIN Consortia every month. Our Patrons are also able to borrow from neighboring Consortia (BCCLS, PALS etc.) via Open Borrowing privileges that are provided through membership in MAIN.

At the administrative level, all original cataloging is done at Morris County Library, a service provided through membership in MAIN.

Butler will also lose access to Digital Library New Jersey, eBooks, & eAudio materials and their inclusion in the catalog. Our patrons will no longer have access to eBooks and OVERDRIVE, all services purchased through the Consortia.

Technology support is provided by MAIN

Zinio Digital Magazine (Platform and 50+ titles) Platform is the software required to view the content and is mandatory

Database Subscriptions –

- World Vital Records (genealogy)
- Facts on File (Through NJ Library Links)
- ProQuest Newsstand (Through NJ Library Links)

- Pronunciator (language &ESL) Robert Savage, MLS Pronunciator LLC 800-328-1776 www.pronunciator.com/support

Repercussions if we were to lose our affiliation with MAIN

The cost of POLARIS as a stand-alone (not connected to other libraries) is as follows; to purchase, maintain and support POLARIS independent of MAIN would cost \$45,000 for the first year.

Our Patrons will only be able to borrow books that we own; they will no longer be able to get books from other libraries or even see what they own. They will not be able to go to other libraries and borrow from them as their cards will only be good in Butler. They will no longer be able to request items from other libraries in the State.

We will lose our technology support, No one to maintain our computers, no group purchases, no group software purchases

We will lose cataloging services

We will have no eBooks or downloadable audio

We will have no digital magazine collection (ZINIO) – Roxbury paid \$5,955.09 for a standalone Zinio subscription with fewer titles than MAIN offers the consortia in 2013.

We will no longer have access to the Databases MAIN provides to us. One of the databases alone is over \$500 a year; the others are in the \$1,000's

We will lose peer support and the availability of special collections.

Treasurer's Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comments: None.

Motion to adjourn:

Mayor made the motion to adjourn, the Annette seconds. The Motion passed the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.