

**Marple Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2025**

***In-person***

**In Attendance:** Marcy Abrams, LaTanya Burno, Mike Ballinger, Stephanie Latchford, Jane Staud, Cynthia Wilson

**Absent:** Richard Rohr

**Resigned:** Pat Larkin, Jr.

**Disposition of Minutes:** Accepted and approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:**

This month's financial statements are somewhat difficult to interpret, as Karen completed three separate bank reconciliations. There are a large number of outstanding checks on the previous statements that will not be cashed.

We have officially transitioned to WSFS Bank, and the process has gone very smoothly. The WSFS team has provided excellent customer service and has been incredibly helpful throughout the transition.

Our investment portfolio is showing an unrealized gain—currently \$6,500 higher than the Fair Market Value at January 1, 2025—thanks to a recent rebound in the stock market.

A special thank-you to Mike and Karen for their outstanding efforts in resolving the frozen TD Bank account.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

**Director's Report:**

Despite Haverford Library being open again, we continue to see steady foot traffic and strong participation in our Summer Reading Program.

Progress is ongoing with our transition to Ingraham, as Baker & Taylor has been inconsistent, and many of our recent orders have yet to arrive. Marcy suggested looking into Mackin, and Cynthia mentioned a county lending program for bestsellers, which allows for temporary circulation before returning the items.

An overview meeting for the Keystone Grant application is scheduled for July 8 and 10, with the application opening on July 14.

Several staff members will be attending the ALA Conference, which is being held in Philadelphia this year.

Finally, some feedback from recent visits to the newly renovated Haverford Library: patrons appreciated the additional space and the flexible shelving, which allowed the space to be used in multiple ways. The adult seating and separate teen area were also well-received. However, some found the layout a bit confusing, and parking was challenging.

### **Development, Marketing and Social Media**

Legacy Tree Promotion Generates Interest – The summer Township Newsletter featured the Legacy Tree and a thank-you to Fund Drive donors; one family has expressed interest in sponsoring a leaf or cardinal.

Keystone Grant Process Underway – The Keystone grant portal opens July 14; planning continues with the Architect to develop a grant-eligible budget and begin forming a Fundraising/75th Anniversary Committee.

Strong Community Support for Summer Reading Club – Sponsors have been engaged and materials distributed; the program continues to enroll hundreds of children annually with minimal budget impact thanks to community support.

### **Strategic Plan**

No discussion at this time.

### **Personnel Committee:**

No discussion at this time.

### **Governance Committee:**

Recruiting a new member.

### **New Business:**

Renovation planning with the architect is moving along smoothly. We are currently in the diagramming phase, working closely with the architect and David to evaluate space needs and flow. One idea under consideration is relocating the teen area to the opposite side of the building, where the current reading area is, to help with layout and safety—particularly to avoid having kids run outside. We are also exploring options like incorporating adult seating into the children's area, installing study booths for privacy, and switching the picture book section to browsing bins to improve accessibility for young readers. We'll also be looking to balance these changes with staff workload.

There was a question about when we can expect a report from the Renovation Committee; we still have a few more phases to complete.

**Old Business:**

**Board Minutes Online** – Going forward, approved Board minutes will be posted online. Stephanie will send the file labeled “approved,” and either Christina or Bridgette will upload it to the website.

**Delaware County Library System**

**All DLS meetings in 2025 at 6:30pm will be held in the** County Council Meeting Room, 1st Floor of the Government Center Building. 201 W. Front St., Media, PA

**2025 Meetings**

August 21 - Richard

October 16 - Cynthia

December 18 -

**Next board meeting: In person; Monday, July 28, 2025, 7pm**

*Stephanie Latchford, secretary*

*Thank you.*