

Western Mass Library Advocates

October 17, 2019

Forbes Library, Northampton

Minutes – Draft

Members present: Nora Blake, Katherine Hand, Mary Anne Antonellis, Jan Resnick, Mike Moran, Joe Rodio, Tony Golinsky-Foisy, Andrea Bernard

Members absent: Eliza Langhans, Deb Kern, Lynn Coakley, Mary Kronholm, Dan Paquette

Katherine thanked Forbes for hosting.

Katherine shared that six of the seven MBLC budget lines were funded at or above the MBLC ask. The \$250 million ask for the construction bond is still pending and requires our advocacy.

Katherine mentioned the MacMillan ebook policy changes and encouraged advocacy about that.

Katherine thanked departing WMLA board members, Mary Anne Antonellis, Deb Kern and Eliza Langhans.

Membership report: 102 active members, 26 new this year.

Minutes – change the year to 2018. Minutes approved with the one edit.

Treasurer's report:

Deposits – \$3,463.23

\$2,640 in memberships

Expenditures - \$5,441.31

Current balance - \$6,307.90

Nora made a motion to accept the treasurer report. Jan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Nominations:

President: Nora Blake

Vice President: Tony Golinsky-Foisy

Past President: Katherine Hand

Treasurer: Joe Rodio

Clerk: Andrea Bernard

Three new members – Andrea Puglici, Wendy Pearson and Lisa Downing

Business meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm.

Meeting was followed by a screening of The Public which was followed by a panel discussion with Michele Eberle of the MLS, Matt Berube of the Jones Library, Lisa Downing of the Forbes and two representatives from Eliot CHS Homeless Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Antonellis