

**Community Engagement Committee Meeting
August 5, 2021
Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Notice of the time of the meeting and agenda having been posted on the library bulletin board and one other public place, forty-eight hours prior to the meeting as required by law, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Sylvia Haas, Committee Chair.

2. Roll Call

Present: Rosemary Groenwald, Sylvia Haas, Kristine O'Sullivan
Absent: None
Staff Present: Jo Broszczak, Su Reynders
Visitors: None

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Establish Committee Mission, Purpose, Name, and Next Steps

Trustees reviewed President Duebner's initial committee charge of "identify and develop opportunities to connect with residents for future Board and or committee roles from all segments of the Village." Multiple ideas were proposed and discussed, including building relationships, soliciting feedback, and identifying potential partners such as Breathe and the Village Community Engagement Committee.

The committee summarized the ideas into three primary concepts:

- Intentional
- Engagement
- Relationships

The committee members discussed the mission of the committee, and drafted:

"The MPPL Community Engagement Committee exists to intentionally identify individuals who have the potential to serve the library as an ally, ambassador, or future Trustee, and meet those individuals where they are to connect, engage, and build relationships.

Trustees discussed the name of the committee and agreed that "Community Engagement" best describes the nature of the committee.

Trustees identified multiple next steps but recognized that all may not be able to be started immediately due to the increasing COVID transmission rate:

- A. Create talking points for committee members.
 - i. Trustees will draft potential talking points and send to Director Reynders for inclusion in the August 19 Regular Board meeting packet.
- B. Attend the Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures on Sunday, August 29.
 - i. Director Reynders will research and report to the committee if the library will have a table at the event.

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- C. Attend an upcoming Village of Mount Prospect Community Engagement Committee meeting to better understand their mission.
 - i. Staff will reach out to the committee contact and begin inquiring about upcoming meetings and the possibility of Library Trustees attending.
- D. Conduct Trustee meet and greet events at the South Branch.
 - i. On hold due to the pandemic.
- E. Identify an opportunity to engage with the Village Board members.
 - i. On hold due to the pandemic.

The committee identified additional ideas for library staff to evaluate, including purchasing an outreach van and engaging the Teen Think Tank (formerly the Teen Advisory Board) in the committee's work.

Trustee Haas will report on the progress of the committee to the full Board at the August 19 Regular Board meeting.

- 5. Upcoming Meetings and Events Calendar
 - a. Regular Board Meeting – August 19
- 6. Adjournment
Committee meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Marie Bass, Secretary

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