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Maryville Public Library Policy

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Executive Board Bylaws

MEETINGS:

1. The regular monthly meeting of the Library Board shall be held at the time determined by the members each year.
2. Special meetings may be called by the President, or upon written request of three members, for the transaction of business stated in the call for the meeting.

QUORUM:

A quorum for the transaction of Library Board business shall consist of a simple majority of the Board.

OFFICERS:

1. Officers of the Board shall be chosen at the regular July meeting and shall be as follows:
President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
2. The term of office shall not exceed three consecutive years, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, whose term is unlimited. Any officer may be elected to the same office after one or more intervening terms.
3. The President of the Board shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, authorize calls for any special meetings, and generally perform the duties of a presiding officer. The President may sign checks and all other documents in the absence of the Treasurer.
4. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President, and may sign checks and all other documents in the absence of the President or Treasurer.
5. The Secretary shall keep a true and accurate account of all proceedings of the regular Board meetings, Executive Committee Board meetings, and Executive Session Board meetings.
6. The Treasurer performs fiscal duties as necessary, including monthly review of Petty Cash Expenditures, deposits, and other financial records.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The officers of the Board shall serve as the Executive Committee. They are empowered to speak for the Board on matters between regular meetings. Their decisions are subject to approval or disapproval by the entire Board at the next regular meeting at which a quorum is present.

MEMBERSHIP:

Applications shall be submitted to the Library Director and then reviewed by the Board at the next regular meeting. The Board shall select candidates to recommend to the City Council for appointment. Final selection is made by the City Council. (See Missouri State Statutes.)

COMMITTEES:

Any special committees as may be appointed from time to time shall serve until a final report is made by the committee to the Board, at which time the committee passes out of existence, provided that all Committees make a progress report to the Board at each of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. The Director shall prepare an agenda of business for each meeting of the Library Board. After a tentative agenda has been distributed to the board, individual trustees may request an item be added to the agenda by contacting the Board President or Library Director. The Library Director is responsible for posting notice of all meetings at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting in accordance with Missouri State Sunshine Law (SS 610.020 RSMo). If there are extenuating circumstances related to safety or capital loss that prevent a 24-hour notice, the nature of the good cause shall be stated in the minutes.
2. The agenda of business shall include the following in order:
 - Action items:
 - Approval of minutes of previous meeting
 - Approval of monthly expenditures
 - Review of monthly financial statements
 - All other action items
 - Reports:
 - Service report (biannually)
 - Audit report (annually)
 - Correspondence

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS:

These by-laws may be amended by a unanimous vote at any regular meeting of the Library Board at which a quorum is present, and a notice of at least 72 hours prior has been given to all trustees in the form of either a draft or general statement of the purport of the amendment. In the absence of a unanimous vote, amendments may be passed and put into force by a 2/3 vote of the total membership at the next regular meeting.

REVISION OF POLICIES:

The need for revision of policies will be considered in the spring of odd-numbered years.

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REVISION OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The need for revision of the Goals and Objectives document will be on a yearly basis.

RELATIONSHIP WITH FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION BOARD OF THE MARYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The FFMPL Board of Directors shall be interlocked and the same as the Maryville Public Library (MPL) Executive Board of Trustees, a public body. The MPL Executive Board of Trustees shall oversee and administer the Second Century Library Endowment Fund Foundation and the Friends of the Library Checking Account.

As the MPL Executive Board of Trustees and the FFMPL Board are one and the same, the number of directors for the FFMPL Board, along with their qualifications, term limits, procedures for filling vacancies, and the election and duties of officers shall coincide with those of the MPL Executive Board of Trustees.

The FFMPL Board of Directors strives to adhere to guidelines set by the Internal Revenue Service defining the Second Century Library Fund Foundation as a Type 1 Supporting Organization.

DUTIES OF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS:

1. To employ a competent and qualified Director.
2. To determine the purpose of the library and to adopt written policies to govern the operation and program of the library.
3. To determine the program and needs of the library in relation to the community and to keep abreast of standards and library trends.
4. To cooperate in securing adequate funds to carry on the library program.
5. To establish, support, and participate in a planned public relations program.
6. To consult with the Director in his or her preparation of the budget, and give final approval to the document.
7. To know local and state laws and to actively support library legislation in the state and the nation.
8. To establish among the library policies those dealing with book and material selection.
9. To attend all board meetings and see that accurate records of the meetings are kept on file.
10. To become oriented to the library.
11. To be aware of regional, state, and national trustee meetings and workshops, to affiliate (if desired) with appropriate professional organizations and to study library publications.
12. To be aware of the services of the state library.

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ATTENDANCE:

If any Board member has been absent from a total of five regular monthly meetings in any twelve-month period or two consecutive meetings without notifying the Director, the Board shall review the case and determine whether or not a recommendation for removal needs to be made. Factors to be taken into account include extenuating circumstances leading to the absenteeism, the ability of the Board to supply a quorum, and the effort of the absent board member to stay informed of library activities and to remain a contributing member. If necessary, a recommendation for removal must be approved by a majority of the Board and submitted to the Maryville City Council.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

At the June meeting, Board members and the Library Director will formulate Goals and Objectives which will be integrated into the budgetary process. These Goals and Objectives will be reviewed at the February meeting.

EVALUATION:

At the January meeting, Board members will evaluate their yearly accomplishments through a review of the above-mentioned duties. Ratings of 3 (excellent), 2 (good) or 1 (marginal) will be given. The Director also participates in this evaluation.