

**MINUTES of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: July 6, 2021  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
PLACE: Collinsville Memorial Library 408 W. Main St., Collinsville, IL and via Zoom

A Statement by Committee Chair Cathy Kulupka:

"The Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and all or part of the Mississippi Valley Library District's jurisdiction is covered by the disaster area. In my role as the Fundraising Committee Chair of the Mississippi Valley Library District, I have determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the disaster. Therefore, the Board of Trustees is meeting virtually."

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Fundraising Committee chair Cathy Kulupka called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM. Roll call was taken.

Trustees present in person: Cathy Kulupka

Trustees present via Zoom: None

Also attending: Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director, Mississippi Valley Library District

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Input** - None.

**Unfinished Business** - None.

**New Business**

A. Fundraising Planning

Waltermire reviewed the draft end-of-fiscal year fund balances. She also provided a list of building and grounds priority projects. The elevator is the main priority at this time because it needs to be replaced; it has become outdated and parts are no longer available for it. There is an estimated cost of \$120,000.00. The other big project is a dehumidifier system for the Collinsville Memorial Library to help regulate the building's humidity levels and keep books in good working condition. The ceiling near the community room's bay window needs to be addressed. Purchasing a power washer would be helpful for all three of the library's facilities. Finally, the exterior railing at the Collinsville Memorial Library's main entrance needs to be replaced as it has become rusty and in time will become unstable. The estimated cost of all of these projects is \$152,286.00. Barring any gaps in general income, any money raised by fundraisers will go towards these projects and the list can be given to the public at any time to show where the funds will be used specifically.

The library may be able to apply for TIF funds to help with these projects. There are also a few grants that can be applied specifically for these projects – the Illinois State Library's Live and Learn Construction Grants – but the two options for which the MVLD is eligible require matching funds.

Fundraising ideas were discussed. It was decided to start small and build momentum. Ideas include: filling Mini M&M tubes with quarters, holding a read-a-thon with participants sponsored by family and friends, monthly silent auction baskets, somehow incorporating the Library

Market, charging a booth fee for the Local Artist and Author Markets, having a refreshments (lemonade and/or tea) stand outside the Collinsville Library during major uptown events.

**Closed Session** - None.

**Adjournment**

Cathy Kulupka adjourned the meeting at 11:01 AM.