

Mahopac Library Board Meeting Visit – Wednesday 28 April 2021

Michele Ment
Priscilla Goldfarb

The director and board extended a warm welcome.

Michele promoted nomination of 3rd Putnam trustee and participation in trustee education. Priscilla emphasized we are here to represent them at MHLS and encouraged them to reach out at any time.

Meeting was well attended and organized. Board members were engaged, with questions, comments, suggestions.

Current pressing issues relate to building repair/maintenance:

- optimally will address in one large project rather than piecemeal
- bond needed to raise funds; likelihood of success greatest if no tax increase involved
- importance of board speaking with one voice; proposed separate meeting to craft speaking points for upcoming vote

Other areas of interest/engagement:

- Friends of the Library are working on a joint fundraising venture with another community organization, an innovation
- Focus on local press coverage; active engagement in directing focus of coverage
- Environment:
 - environmental impact policy was approved
 - solar power being explored

Director was complimented on keeping board apprised of trustee education opportunities.

MHLS's Casey Conlin was singled out as having been helpful.