

FDL Public Library Board Minutes
January 21, 2021

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, January 21, 2021 via Zoom, the regular meeting of the Fond du Lac Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Board President, Mel Kolstad. Trustees present: Marilyn Averbeck, Anne Deacy, Ben Giles, Mel Kolstad, Dusty Krikau, Jerry Letcher, John McDowell, Jay Myrechuck, Sharon Simon and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: None. Those also in attendance included Library Director Jon Mark Bolthouse, Administrative Assistant Laurie Moore and Assistant Director for Operations Lori Burgess.

2. Approval of Minutes:

A. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the December Regular Meeting of the Board. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Simon; second: Letcher; carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Input: None.

4. Comments from the Public: None.

5. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for December 2020

6. Approval of Financial Reports:

A. List of bills paid since the last regular meeting: Motion to approve the bills as presented: Krikau; second: Deacy; carried by roll call vote: yes ten (10); noes none (0); absent and not voting none (0).

B. Statement of Accounts: Motion to approve as presented: Myrechuck; second: Averbeck; carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. Director's Report:

A. Monthly Library Statistics

* Bolthouse updated the Board regarding taking online donations. He is working with Josh Cowles to setup being able to collect donations online via PayPal. Hopefully this will be setup and ready to go during the first quarter.

* Bolthouse is pushing to hopefully get Library staff included in the 1B vaccination group for COVID-19. WLA has been lobbying for this. The plan is still to keep the same hours as the Library is running currently through at least the end of April. Weekends have still been busy. We hit 700 visitors 2 weeks ago on Saturday.

* Reminder for the "Strategic Planning" planning meeting next week Thursday January 28th at 3:00 with WILS.

* Bolthouse is ready to submit a Grant Application for LED lighting. The final piece he is waiting on is the letter of support that is on the agenda to be approved by the library board.

* Bolthouse gave kudos to Lori Burgess and the Technical Services staff for working so hard on all the new kits that the Library is starting to circulate.

8. Old Business:

A. None.

9. New Business:

A. Statement of Support: OEI Grant: Motion to approve the letter with the below mentioned concepts to be included: Krikau; second: Letcher; carried by unanimous voice vote. Bolthouse and the rest of the "Light for the Library" Committee are submitting an application for a grant to convert all the lighting in the Library to LED technology. With this grant, and the solar panels the Library is working to get with the new roof install in 2022, the energy costs should be cut by about 50%. Krikau mentioned including the following in the letter. There should be mention of the Library putting in a matching amount, even though there is no requirement to do so. Also, she feels there should be mention of opening up the project to be used for educational purposes for the community.

10. Other:

A. None:

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Simon; second: Averbek; carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned by Board President Mel Kolstad at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Deacy
Secretary