

FDL Public Library Board Minutes
November 18, 2021

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, November 18, 2021 in the Midstates Training Room and via Zoom, the regular meeting of the Fond du Lac Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board President, Dusty Krikau. Trustees present: Tiffany Brault, Anne Deacy, Antonio Godfrey, Mel Kolstad, Dusty Krikau, Jerry Letcher, Jay Myrechuck, Sharon Simon and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: Marilyn Averbek. 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 October Regular Meeting of the Board. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Myrechuck; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Input: Letcher informed the board that this will be his final meeting as he is moving to Virginia.

* Letcher excused himself from the meeting at 4:30 pm.

4. Comments from the Public: None.

5. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for October 2021

6. Approval of Financial Reports:

A. List of bills paid since the last regular meeting: Motion to approve the bills as presented: Godfrey; second: Kolstad; carried by roll call vote: yes eight (8); noes none (0); absent and not voting one (1).

B. Statement of Accounts: Motion to approve as presented: Godfrey; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. Director's Report:

A. Monthly Library Statistics

* Bolthouse shared that work continues on the SEED Ecosystem Grant. This grant will include 3 new grant funded, limited term employees for the Idea Studio. Bolthouse is working with City Hall to figure out how this will work.

* Bolthouse shared that Dyann Benson is willing to discuss the parking situation at the Library. He is looking for a few members of the Board to join the discussion. Brault, Krikau and Godfrey all expressed interest.

* Bolthouse shared past library attendance numbers on certain Holidays, per Brault's request.

* Bolthouse will be virtually presenting at WLA regarding the individual interviews during the strategic planning and how those worked.

8. Old Business:

A. Discussion of fine-free libraries: Motion to support fine free on all materials that count towards the summer reading program, to begin of the summer reading program and into perpetuity: Myrechuck; second: Godfrey; carried by unanimous voice vote. Bolthouse brought up the information that Burgess shared in her monthly report regarding going fine free on books and other reading materials. Brault asked if the decision would be made to wipe fines clean retroactively if the library decides to go fine free. The consensus was to make it retroactive for fines only; not lost or damaged materials. Deacy asked if the message would be that the library would eventually go fine free on all materials? Bolthouse informed the board that the message should be to watch for future changes. Burgess noted that other libraries are showing when they go fine free that it takes about a week longer to fill holds. Brault brought up the idea of having a "donation" type of day where people can make donations to help cover the lost revenue from going fine free. Krikau thought it would be a good idea to have a donation button added to the checkout screen on the self-check machines.

9. New Business:

A. 2022 Library Operating Budget: Motion to approve the 2022 Library Operating Budget as presented: Godfrey; second: Kolstad; carried by unanimous voice vote. Bolthouse cut the Equipment < \$10,000 line out of the budget to help cover going fine free. Electricity is also lowered due to the changing of bulbs over to LED lighting. Godfrey questioned if we have any Juneteenth materials in our collection, and Krikau confirmed that there is. Bolthouse informed Godfrey that he would be a great advocate to help the library work on getting more Juneteenth materials. Myrechuck suggested having Juneteenth tied into the gallery in June. Mel confirmed that she has June open to a community exhibit, so that would work well. Godfrey will reach out to Ebony Vision to get their feelings on how to make this happen.

B. Summer Sunday Hours: Motion to include 3-day Holiday weekends and staying open on Sundays during summer: Wood-Taylor; second: Brault; carried by unanimous voice vote. Bolthouse shared that staying open on Sundays is the best way to handle the summer hours, along with being closed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday on the holiday weekends.

10. Other:

A. None.

11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Board President Dusty Krikau at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Deacy
Secretary