

**FDL Public Library Board Minutes**  
**March 16, 2023**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, March 16, 2023 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, Rebekah Gary, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Martin Rudd, Julie Schroeder, Sharon Simon and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: Anne Deacy, and Antonio Godfrey. Those also in attendance included Library Director Jon Mark Bolthouse, Assistant Director of Operations Lori Burgess, Information and Outreach Service Coordinator Alana LaBeaf, Youth Services Coordinator Sarah Davis, Public Relations Coordinator Ian Stepleton, Library Technology Coordinator Josh Cowles and Administrative Assistant Laurie Moore.

2. Approval of Minutes:

A. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the February Regular Meeting of the Board and the March Special Meeting of the Board. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Simon; second: Myrechuck; 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 February: Statement was not available at the time of meeting. Statement will be sent out to the board when it is received.

6. Approval of Financial Reports:

A. List of bills paid since the last regular meeting: Motion to approve the bills as presented: Myrechuck; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by roll call vote: yes eight (8); noes none (0); absent and not voting two (2).

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

7. Director's Report:

A. Monthly Library Statistics

\* LED lighting project is moving along well. Most of the 85 fixtures that are installed are in the Children's area. There will be about 400 fixtures total. These lights will allow for different settings for different areas depending on sunlight that comes in, the time of the day and motion sensors.

\* Rudd left meeting at 4:37 and returned at 4:40. \*

\* Bolthouse shared with the board that we are expecting a proposal on the bid spec from Excel soon on the solar project.

\* Middleton came to tour the Fond du Lac Public Library. They shared how they enjoyed the tour and left with many ideas. The Idea Studio was a major draw for them, along with the fact that they have a comparable size community. They also enjoyed the Chapter 52 bookstore.

\* Brault questioned why the amount of visitors is up for the library, but the attendance to programs is down. Bolthouse shared that he is not sure why we are seeing that trend.

\* Schroeder asked if the library is still live streaming the History at Home programs? Stepleton shared that as long as we have the presenter's permission, we are live streaming, along with saving the recordings for future viewing.

\* Brault commented enjoying the board game and video game collections. There was discussion with some suggestions of some board games, along with Schroeder suggested coop games. Krikau suggested contacting Chimera regarding doing a program where they bring their games over for patrons to try.

## 8. Old Business:

A. Buechel Branch Discussion: The branch renaming is set for April 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon. Bolthouse and Brault had shared an idea for a proclamation with the committee, which was also shared with Fond du Lac County Executive Kaufman and County Board Chair Abel. The response from Kaufman was lukewarm, stating that county buildings cannot be named after individuals. He also stated that Buechel was not in favor of naming buildings after people. The Library is not a county building, but Bolthouse felt that this should warrant more of a discussion with the board before moving forward. Joe Moore is in favor with a city proclamation in remembrance of Buechel. Krikau had spoken with Buechel's wife Betty and she was over the moon with the idea and didn't seem to have any concerns with the idea being against her husband's wishes. She also mentioned that she had received a letter from the highway commission that County Highway QQ may be renamed AB Highway, after Buechel. Simon feels we are too far down the road in the process to go back, and Schroeder also feels with Betty being excited about the renaming that it is still a good idea. Krikau did point out that this naming is in recognition of someone, and not with a monetary donation. Stepleton expressed concern on the Library being in bad light after an announcement about the renaming is made. Schroeder suggested getting Betty's statement for a PR release, but Rudd feels it is not a good idea to use Betty's support publicly.

\* Simon left 5:13 pm. \*

Myrechuck mentioned that he could bring it up to Kaufman at the County board meeting next week. At this point, Bolthouse feels we should proceed as planned, while Myrechuck and Brault check in with Kaufman again.

\* Simon returned virtually 5:15 pm. \*

Krikau mentioned she'd also like to see Resolution NO. 34-92 from May 19, 1992 and make sure that we would not be going against Buechel's wishes regarding naming buildings after individuals. If it would be against his wishes, she suggests that we approach Betty in regards to it. Bolthouse stated that there is some wall space that we could display some items that Betty had mentioned, for example a proclamation from the state, a flag and a portrait. Krikau also mentioned to Betty that maybe some items could be displayed temporarily for the ribbon cutting. Bolthouse said at this point we will proceed with signage and getting ready for the ribbon cutting.

\* LaBeaf left at 5:23. \*

\* Schroeder left at 5:38. \*

## 9. New Business:

A. Material Challenge Procedure: Bolthouse shared the amended material challenge procedures with the board. Wood-Taylor questioned who handles challenges on ILL items. Bolthouse shared that any challenges to ILL materials would go to the owning library.

\* Simon left at 5:30 pm. \*

Wood-Taylor also questioned how challenges for Libby items are handled. Bolthouse believes that those challenges have their own challenge policy to handle them.

\* Schroder returned virtually and Cowles left at 5:31 pm. \*

Krikau feels that for a patron to submit a challenge, they should be a library card holder, or possibly define "community" better. We may need to revisit that policy. Bolthouse suggested using the verbiage "service population." Krikau suggested looking at how other libraries handle it. Schroeder questioned if another person can request an appeal if the initial person did not request one within 5 years. Bolthouse stated they would have to put their own request for a challenge. Krikau stated that item 4.j. should be moved to 2.j. Also, add "by certified mail" to 1.c. It was confirmed by Bolthouse that decisions from the appeals process would stand for 5 years before a new request for reconsideration will be entertained. This agenda item is being tabled until the April board meeting. The board requested the updated procedure with the requested changes be shared to the board for informational purposes before the April meeting.

10. Other: None.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Myrechuck; second: Wood-Taylor. Meeting was adjourned by Board President Dusty Krikau at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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