

FDL Public Library Board Minutes

April 26, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, April 26, 2022 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 4:31 p.m. by Board President, Dusty Krikau. Trustees present: Tiffany Brault, Anne Deacy, Mel Kolstad, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Julie Schroeder, Sharon Simon and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: Antonio Godfrey. Those also in attendance included Library Director Jon Mark Bolthouse, Assistant Director of Operations Lori Burgess, Youth Services Coordinator Sarah Davis, Information and Outreach Services Coordinator Alana LaBeaf and Administrative Assistant Laurie Moore.

2. Approval of Minutes:

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

3. Input: Youth in Governance presentation by Ron Jakubisin: Ron came to speak on the Youth in Governance program. Joe Moore approached him to continue the project as it was tabled due to COVID. He shared a handout with information on the program with the board. Youth representatives would have a recorded, but not binding, vote on matters discussed during the meetings. The plan is to have promotional material out in spring and to have the youth be in place on the boards in the fall. Their term would run from September through May.

4. Comments from the Public: None.

5. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for March 2022

6. Approval of Financial Reports:

A. List of bills paid since the last regular meeting: Motion to approve the bills as presented: Simon; second: Wood-Taylor; 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: Kolstad; second: Brault; carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. Director's Report:

A. Monthly Library Statistics

* Bolthouse shared with the board that there has been no more word yet on the ARPA funds. He is planning to possibly put some of the ideas that were submitted for ARPA funds to the CIP plan.

* The SEED project is going well. We are looking to hire staff to replace the positions that were filled with internal staff. Also, the search is still on to fill the Curriculum position that is still open for the SEED project.

* Work continues on the strategic plan. Bolthouse hopes to have more information on year 1 and year 2 plan by the May board meeting.

* Multiple companies did a walk-through of the roof project. In about a week the sealed bids will be opened. The project should take about 2 weeks, with the only disruption being the noise, especially in the Children's area, from the vacuuming of the rocks. Krikau mentioned that the next time the roof comes to the CIP plan to investigate into replacing it with a green roof.

8. Old Business:

A. Reconsideration of Materials Policy:

B. Reconsideration of Materials Procedure:

C. Reconsideration of Materials Form:

Motion to approve the Reconsideration of Materials Policy, Reconsideration of Materials Procedure, and Reconsideration of Materials Form as amended below: Wood-Taylor; second: Myrechuck; carried by unanimous voice vote. Bolthouse shared how many of the updates to the forms came from Sarah Davis and a webinar she watched

regarding this type of policy. Simon questioned if a 2-hour limit for public comments was too long. See notes below on suggested amendments to the forms:

* Pg. 51: Change the wording from “Patrons who request the reconsideration of library material will be asked to put their requests in writing by completing in its entirety, signing the form, Request for Reconsideration of Library Material (<https://fdlpl.org/policies>), and submitting the form to the Library Director. The request may not be submitted anonymously.” to the following “Patrons who request the reconsideration of library material will be asked to put their requests in writing by completing the Request for Reconsideration of Library Material Form (<https://fdlpl.org/policies>) in its entirety, signing the form, and submitting the form to the Library Director. The request may not be submitted anonymously.”

* Pg. 53, 4f, i: After the first sentence, insert the following: “If the number of individual speakers will exceed 2 hours, the amount of time allotted to each individual speaker will be adjusted to meet the 2-hour limit.” Also, add to the last sentence “or reducing the allotted speaking time per person.”

D. Motion to forgive bills from more than 6 years ago: Simon; second: Schroeder; carried by unanimous voice vote. Motion to forgive overdue fees on reading materials from 2016 – present when fine free is implemented: Kolstad; second: Wood-Taylor. After discussion, this motion was tabled. Motion to postpone the vote to forgive overdue fees on reading materials from 2016 – present when fine free is implemented: Simon; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote. This vote will be discussed more at the May meeting of the board. Burgess shared how the WI Law Library found several cases where municipal debt is different than consumer debt, and consumer debt is not collectible after 6 years, although there were no cases in Wisconsin.

** Myrechuck left at 5:57 pm. **

9. New Business:

A. Discussion of Allen Buechel Memorial: Bolthouse shared how Ken Hall had reached out to him regarding a memorial to honor Allen Buechel. Bolthouse had already been thinking about what we could do to honor him. He pointed out that in the past the county was only required to reimburse the library at 70% of the invoiced total, and they have always funded us at 100% or more. Bolthouse had some ideas he shared with the board. For example, the possibility of renaming the Midstates Room or the Express branch after him. Simon is concerned if we do the Express branch, would there be a time that would not exist anymore? It was decided that the board would revisit this at the May board meeting, as they may need to review the naming policy before any decisions are made.

10. Other: None.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Simon; second: Wood-Taylor. Meeting was adjourned by Board President Dusty Krikau at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Deacy
Secretary