

FDL Public Library Board Minutes
May 19, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, May 19, 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 4:32 p.m. by Board President, Dusty Krikau. Trustees present: Tiffany Brault, Anne Deacy, Antonio Godfrey, Mel Kolstad, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Julie Schroeder, Sharon Simon and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: Martin Rudd. 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 April Regular Meeting of the Board. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Simon; second: Deacy; carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Input: None.

4. Comments from the Public: Kolstad wanted to thank the library staff, especially Shelley Armstrong, for the work on getting together information about the Langdon Divers Gallery for her talk at Noon Kiwanis.

5. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for April 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: Godfrey; carried by roll call vote: yes eight (8); noes none (0); absent and not voting two (2). Myrechuck requested that a description be added for the PayPal charges posted to processing fees.

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

7. Director's Report:

A. Monthly Library Statistics

* Bolthouse discussed information from the Friends Annual meeting regarding their donation to the solar project. He is also deciding whether this project should be submitted to the City for a capital improvement project in 2023.

* Bolthouse shared how he feels we have very strong library supporters in the new City Council members. His tour with council member Brett Zimmerman went well, and he would like to give the other new members a tour as well.

* The opening of the roof update bids went well. The winning bidder was about \$20,000 less than the others, along with being significantly below the estimate submitted for the capital improvement project.

* Bolthouse gave an update on the strategic plan. Krikau asked where the progress is on sharing the plan with the community. Bolthouse hopes to share it soon, as things are being finalized.

* Bolthouse shared that Benson, the Community Development Director, is excited about the idea of adding picnic tables around the exterior of the library. She is willing to have the City fund the remainder of the cost, beyond what is not covered by Judith Berger-O'Brien's donation. The tables will be on the North and West sides of the building. In the discussion with Benson, she also mentioned possibly having a temporary mural on the library. This may come to the board in the future for a vote. It was discussed how a literacy theme would be nice. Krikau suggested incorporating the theme of "Community Happens Here" into the mural.

8. Old Business:

A. Fine Free Decisions: Motion on the table from April to forgive overdue fees on reading materials from 2016-present when fine free is implemented: Kolstad; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Discussion of Allen Buechel Memorial / Naming Rights: Motion to approve the naming policy as adjusted in the agenda: Kolstad; second: Godfrey; carried by unanimous voice vote. Brault, Simon, Krikau and Kolstad all voiced that they like the idea of naming the Express branch after Buechel. Deacy questioned if there would be any reason why we are not able to rename the Express branch. Simon questioned if there would be any pushback from the community, as she would hate to see something so positive turn into a negative. Bolthouse questioned if it would be a good idea to talk to Buechel's wife Betty before any decisions would be made.

* Schroeder arrived at 5:00.

Krikau brought up talking to Envision along with the City about this idea. Bolthouse confirmed he has already spoke with Joe Moore regarding this idea. Bolthouse will reach out to the city attorney regarding renaming of the branch, and Dusty will then follow through with contacting Buechel's wife Betty.

9. New Business:

A. Circulation Policy: Motion to update the circulation policy as stated in the agenda: Simon; second: Godfrey; carried by unanimous voice vote. Kolstad questioned if there is a need for internet only cards. Burgess explained that when someone applies online for a card, they are issued an internet only card until they stop in with proof of address. Also, patrons are able to use services like Libby and Overdrive with an internet only card. Bolthouse shared that the Reporter came to do an interview with Burgess, Stepleton and himself regarding going fine free. The article will not release until June 1st. Stepleton will also be doing a PR push at that time, along with the changes being made to SIRSI. Krikau questioned if we have some sort of poster ready with information on the value of going fine free to share with the community.

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