

FDL Public Library Board Minutes
June 16, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, June 16, 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 4:38 p.m. by Board President, Dusty Krikau. Trustees present: Tiffany Brault, Anne Deacy, Antonio Godfrey, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Martin Rudd, Sharon Simon and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: Mel Kolstad and Julie Schroeder. 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 May Regular Meeting of the Board. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Godfrey; second: Myrechuck; carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Input: Bolthouse shared a statement from Kolstad to the board.

4. Comments from the Public: Bolthouse shared with the board an email from a homeschooling mom who was in Fond du Lac on a temporary basis and wanted to praise the library for all the wonderful things it offered her children. Rudd introduced himself to the board, and shared that he has not signed his oath yet, so he is not able to vote on anything.

5. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for May 2022: The statement was not available at the time of the meeting. Bolthouse will share with the board when it becomes available.

6. Approval of Financial Reports:

A. List of bills paid since the last regular meeting: Motion to approve the bills as presented: Godfrey; second: Deacy; carried by roll call vote: yes seven (7); noes none (0); absent and not voting two (2).

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

7. Director's Report:

A. Monthly Library Statistics

* Fine free is going well. The Reporter did run a story, but it ran early. Social media comments have been positive. Burgess shared that there have been positive comments at the service desks regarding people who saw the library had gone fine free and came back to get a new library card. There were also positive comments at the library tables at the Farmer's Market and Juneteenth.

* There is no number yet from the City regarding the 2023 budget allocation. Tricia Davi did say she is hoping to run some of the capital projects that Bolthouse submitted under the ARPA funds.

* Bolthouse has a meeting in mid-July with the new County Executive. They will be reviewing the agreement with Winnefox that gets renewed every 5 years, as well as requesting the 2023 budget allocation.

* Brault questioned if we get requests often to have Gabriela do translation work for other City departments. Bolthouse shared that it has happened on occasion, but not real often. There will be further discussions regarding Gabriela's time spent on this in the future.

* Krikau asked about the lower adult attendance at programs from the previous year. LaBeaf said that she would have to look into it more, but feels a big part of it could come from the Fiction/Non-Fiction Friday videos that are not taking place anymore this year.

* Krikau questioned the start of Cowles' new staff member. Bolthouse shared that drug testing issues as SSM have caused a lag in the start date.

* Bolthouse shared that staff are reviewing applications for the open position in the Children's department, and there will also be a clerk position opening up soon.

8. Old Business:

A. Discussion of Allen Buechel Memorial: Bolthouse shared that the city attorney sent over some generic information regarding naming rights, along with some samples of other naming policies and street name designations. Bolthouse did not see any changes that need to be made to the naming rights policy at this time. Krikau will talk to Betty Buechel regarding a memorial in Allen's name before the next meeting. Krikau did note that Express numbers were lower again and wonders if it would be the right decision to name Express after Buechel. Bolthouse said that this is a new trend that we are seeing, and Burgess said part of it could be due to the comparison number is from when Express was open when the main Library was not during COVID. No action at this time.

9. New Business: None.

10. Other: None.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Simon; second: Godfrey. Meeting was adjourned by Board President Dusty Krikau at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Deacy
Secretary