

**FDL Public Library Board Minutes**  
**June 15, 2023**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, June 15, 2023 in the Seefeld Meeting 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, 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, Public Relations Coordinator Ian Stepleton 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: Myrechuck; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote; abstention from Simon.

3. Input: Proclamations were presented to Joanne Mengel and Debbie Rosenberg by Krikau. Bolthouse shared thank you cards from Horace Mann High School and Fond du Lac High School for allowing students to volunteer, along with a letter from Broken Bread thanking the Library for donations of non-perishable food items.

4. Comments from the Public: None.

5. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for May.

6. Approval of Financial Reports:

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

Rudd questioned what the contribution expenses were, and Moore and Burgess explained that a portion of that was from Money Smart books purchased and grant money reimbursing for them. It is basically an account that washes out between monies received and purchases made with those monies. Myrechuck questioned the payments to 123rf and Moore explained that it was a credit due to being charged tax, along with the company offering the Library a better deal.

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

7. Director's Report:

A. Monthly Library Statistics

\* Bolthouse shared that we are still waiting for the repairs to start in the lower level from the flooding. He is in talks with City Hall about possibly moving on to another contractor. Rudd questioned if we are under contract with the contractor due to the City. Bolthouse said we did sign a contract with Service Master, but we are trying to get out of the contract.

\* Bolthouse shared that we are getting monitoring equipment installed to coordinator the lighting and HVAC components.

\* It has been confirmed that the upper roof will be able to handle the load for the solar project. It cannot be installed on the lower roof, so we will lose the visual aspect we were hoping for, but we are able to move forward on the project now. Krikau asked about having access to the panels. Jon Mark shared that his plan is to have a visual display in the library for patrons to view. Simon asked who is doing the project, and Bolthouse shared that it needs to go to a sealed bid.

\* We received great press on the book that ended up in our library from Australia. The story ended up in the press and was featured in the news. Krikau mentioned that we should check into using a website that allows us to put a QR code in the book and be able to track it's travels online.

\* We are working hard to cover desks while working on filling the open positions. The Information and Outreach Services Coordinator position will be posted soon. We are also hoping to post internally for some positions to allow for advancement and then hire others for diversity.

\* Simon questioned the increased funding that library systems are receiving and Bolthouse shared that Winnefox is trying to decide where to use these funds.

\* Brault pointed out in the Youth Services report the comment from a patron about not being safe at the library, and asked if there is anything the board can help with. Bolthouse feels it is the minority of people who feel unsafe. Bolthouse will let the board know if there is anything they can do to help alleviate those feelings.

8. Old Business:

A. Reconsideration of Materials Policy: This is tabled for the next board meeting. Krikau requested using the language from the County to describe the service population and use that in the policy for who is allowed to challenge materials.

9. New Business:

A. None.

10. Other: None

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Simon; second: Wood-Taylor. Meeting was adjourned by Board President Dusty Krikau at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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