

FDL Public Library Board Minutes
July 21, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, July 21, 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 4:30 p.m. by Board President, Dusty Krikau. Trustees present: Tiffany Brault, Anne Deacy, Rebekah Gary, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Martin Rudd, 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 June Regular Meeting of the Board. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Simon; second: Myrechuck; carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Input: Bolthouse introduced the new board member Rebekah Gary.

4. Comments from the Public: None.

5. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for June 2022: Bolthouse shared a brief background on the Seefeld Trust Fund for Gary.

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 nine (9); noes none (0); absent and not voting one (1).

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

7. Director's Report:

A. Monthly Library Statistics

* Cowles has been out ill, so no report from him, but Bolthouse wanted to share how well the Design Lab camp went, and to remind the board about the upcoming Showcase at Thelma. Also, Green Bay news wants to do some coverage on the 2nd cohort coming up.

* Bolthouse shared with the board that he received paperwork on another trust that is in process that the Library was named beneficiary on.

* Bolthouse has received some nice feedback on going fine free. He is not sure if the increase in circulation directly correlates to going fine free or just the normal increase we see during summer. Also, there has not been a noticeable increase in the time that materials are being returned.

* Brault commented on how much she likes the SCRIP connection at the Express location.

8. Old Business:

A. Discussion of Allen Buechel Memorial: Krikau spoke with the County to touch base with Al's wife Betty, and they are still playing phone tag, so no progress has been made on this. Krikau did speak though regarding how the County is making efforts to commemorate Al the Laudolff Ledge location on 151. Details have not been shared yet.

B. Strategic Plan Update: Krikau requested an update, but Bolthouse has not had time to share via email yet with the board. He will send out the large document and 7-page flyer after the meeting. Bolthouse reviewed the progress being made on the strategic plan as noted in the board packet. Schroeder questioned if the Spanish speaking story times will return now. Davis said Gabriela was not comfortable yet doing in person programming, but the other storytellers have been working on using inclusive materials in their story times. Krikau mentioned that a quarterly update on the strategic plan would be great.

* Rudd left at 5:30 pm. *

9. New Business:

A. Nominating Committee: Simon suggested getting rid of the nominating committee, and instead to just ask for volunteers of who would like to take open positions on the board. Myrechuck offered to take the open treasurer position. This will be added to be voted on at the August board meeting.

B. Catastrophic Leave policy for Employee Handbook: Motion to approve the City's Catastrophic Leave policy to be included in the Library Employee Handbook: Simon; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote. The City has approved this as part of their handbook, but due to the separation of powers, the Library needs to do their own approval. The City updated their handbook regarding Catastrophic Leave, which is a bank of sick leave that employees can contribute to and use when they have a catastrophic need and are out of sick time.

10. Other: None.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Simon; second: Brault. Meeting was adjourned by Board President Dusty Krikau at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Deacy
Secretary