

FDL Public Library Board Minutes

April 18, 2024

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, April 18, 2024 in the Midstates Meeting Room and via Zoom, the regular meeting of the Fond du Lac Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Board Vice President, Brendan Wood-Taylor. Trustees present: Tiffany Brault, Anne Deacy, Rebekah Gary, Emily Hayes, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Julie Schroeder, Sharon Simon, and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: None. Those also in attendance included Library Director Jon Mark Bolthouse, Assistant Director of Operations Lori Burgess, Youth Services Coordinator Sarah Davis, Information and Public Relations Coordinator Ian Stepleton, 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: Simon; second: Brault; carried by unanimous voice vote; abstentions from Deacy and Gary.

3. Comments from the Public: Bolthouse introduced new library board member Emily Hayes.

* Krikau arrived 4:37 pm.

4. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for March

5. 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 none (0).

B. Statement of Accounts: Motion to approve as presented: Wood-Taylor; second: Brault; carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Director's Report:

A. Monthly Library Statistics

* Bolthouse informed the board that no bids were submitted from any of the companies who looked over the solar project in March. The city will be going back to the companies with questions to find out why they decided not to bid. Also, they will be going back to Excel to rewrite the bid spec to put it back out to bid. Krikau questioned the turnaround time from Excel and Bolthouse shared that he feels that should be pretty quick.

* Bolthouse shared that he will follow up to get more information on if it would be worth getting a consultant to look at the Inflation Reduction Act Grant. Simon said that at times they will take money out of the grant to pay for their time in writing the grant paperwork.

* Bolthouse went over the disparity and crisis levels of literacy and shared how the staff discussed how the library can help at the staff inservice. It was suggested to have the board members do a viewing of the Right to Read video and come back to discuss. Simon questioned if they would be allowed to do individual viewing of the video, and Bolthouse said that would be fine as long as it is viewed in the library, as that is the license that we paid for.

* Schroeder arrived at 4:51.

Krikau shared that she would like to view the Right to Read video as a group and suggested doing a Doodle Poll to see when the majority of the board can make it, and have the remaining members view it on their own. Wood-Taylor suggested viewing it after the next board meeting for whoever is able to make it. Krikau questioned if a Sunday night would work well for members of the board. Simon pointed out that the library would need to be open then due to open meeting laws. Burgess suggested a Sunday afternoon when the library is still open. Bolthouse suggested doing 2 viewings

to try to catch all the board members. Wood-Taylor also asked about viewing the ABC's of Book Banning, but Bolthouse shared that we have limited access to that video, and feels the Right to Read video is more important at this time.

* Bolthouse shared how the Seed Library is starting. Davis informed the board that demo seeds have sprouted and are currently living in the children's room windows. Simon asked where the plants will go after they leave the children's windows; Krikau suggested donating to the Hamilton Park Community Garden.

* Myrechuck left at 4:58.

Brault had questions from people in the community if they are able to donate to the Seed Library. Davis shared that we are not taking patron donations of seeds at this time due to unknown variables. Wood-Taylor will let Davis know what the Gottfried Prairie has to offer.

* Bolthouse shared that he found the session on sustainable libraries initiative very informative at PLA and thought it may be something we may want to look into more. Davis also shared that there was lots of discussion regarding non-licensed child care and non-parental child care and how libraries are not reaching out to them.

* Krikau questioned the note in one of the staff reports regarding how Hope on the Block is no longer taking clothing donations. Burgess said that the amount has become overwhelming and clothes were being found in the restroom garbage. Also, they feel that there are other places in the community to get clothing, so they prefer that items get donated at those locations.

7. Old Business: Behavior Policy: Motion to approve the Behavior Policy as presented: Simon; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote. Krikau made note to fix the missing oxford commas in 1)n. and 1)o. Also, remove the extra space in 1)e. before unattended.

8. New Business:
A. None.

9. Other: Krikau informed the board that an email had been sent out regarding the book challenge. Bolthouse spoke regarding the background on the book challenge to bring Hayes up to date. Bolthouse informed the board that if he receives a reply regarding the challenge, the board will be looking at May 9 – May 18th to review the book. Krikau asked that in May the Reconsideration of Material policy be brought back to the board for review. **ALA does offer a toolkit for the Reconsideration Policy and Bolthouse will share that link.** Also, **Bolthouse will notify the Office of Intellectual Freedom in the future when a challenge form is filled out.**

Deacy asked about the end of her term. Bolthouse informed the board that they will have to appoint a new secretary at the May 2024 meeting.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Simon; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned by board president Dusty Krikau at 5:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Deacy
Secretary