FDL Public Library Board Minutes May 15, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, May 15, in the Community 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, Rebekah Gary, Emily Hayes, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Julie Schroeder, Sharon Simon and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: Lauren Herlache. Those also in attendance included Library Director Jon Mark Bolthouse, Youth Services Coordinator Sarah Davis, Public Relations Coordinator Ian Stepleton, 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: Simon; second: Brault; carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Comments from the Public: Bolthouse shared an apology letter from a patron that was found guilty of theft at the library. Krikau suggested to anyone interested to attend the next Waupun Public Library Board Meeting (5/22/25 at 4:30 pm). They have had many comments from the public recently regarding materials challenge and would love some positive feedback from outside people.

* Schroeder and Gary arrived at 4:34 pm.

4. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for April

5. Approval of Financial Reports:

A. List of bills paid since the last regular meeting: Motion to approve the bills as presented: Myrechuck; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by roll call vote: yes eight (8); noes none (0); absent and not voting one (1). Myrechuck questioned the credit for Liability/Property and Moore shared that it was a credit received from the insurance company.

B. Statement of Accounts: Motion to approve as presented: Wood-Taylor; second: Gary; carried by unanimous voice vote. Krikau questioned if we'd be expecting another payment from Green Lake County. Moore stated that this was the only payment.

6. Director's Report:A. Monthly Library Statistics:

* Bolthouse shared that work on the solar project is progressing slowly. Most of the panels have been installed, but we are waiting on a couple of them yet. Also, the internal wiring has not been completed.

* The new website is up and running and patrons seem to like it. We are keeping a running spreadsheet of fixes that need to be made.

* The new calendar system, LibCal, is up and running also and seems to be working well. Idea Studio is working on switching away from Skedda for booking their equipment and setting that up in LibCal also.

* Bolthouse shared that we were able to send multiple staff members to WAPL this year since it was Oshkosh. He attended a discussion on Library Standards and plans to dig deeper into that and where our library falls. He hopes to bring back more information on this to the board in the next few months. This information could be very useful when looking for municipal funding.

* Hayes inquired how the information the staff learned using the Clifton Strengths at the staff in-service seems to be affecting our services. Bolthouse shared that the follow-up with Sophia has not happened yet.

* Krikau commented how the Langdon Divers link on the new website does not return any events. She also asked if there is a way to make searching the website for equipment less cumbersome. Also of note, there is no link to our strategic plan. Brault questioned if there are any possibilities of updates since SirsiDynix was bought out. Bolthouse feels there is some good potential with Blue Cloud.

7. Old Business:

A. Reconsideration Of Materials Policy: Motion to approve the new Statement of Concern Regarding Library Resources; and also rescind the previously approved Reconsideration of Materials Policy, Reconsideration of Materials Procedure, and Reconsideration of Materials Form: Gary; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote. Brault stated that she likes the title of the new policy, and address it as a concern and not automatically think it is a reconsideration. Krikau likes the new form, but did question if they can submit the form via email. Bolthouse stated that it is listed in the policy. She did request to have it added to the form also. Myrechuck stated concerns regarding auto-fill forms, and would like that to make sure that we don't allow that to happen. Krikau believes that a fillable pdf should work fine.

8. New Business:

A. None:

9. Other: Adjourn to Closed Session: Motion to adjourn to closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19 (c) at 5:10 pm for personnel issues: Wood-Taylor; second: Myrechuck; carried by roll-call vote: yes eight (8); noes none (0); absent and not voting one (1). Gary left at 5:32 pm. Motion to enter into open session at 5:39 pm for purposes of adjournment: Simon; second: Schroeder; carried by unanimous voice vote.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Simon; second: Brault; carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned by board president Dusty Krikau at 5:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Hayes Secretary