

FDL Public Library Board Minutes

January 15, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, January 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, Emily Hayes, Lauren Herlache, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Sharon Simon, and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: Julie Schroeder. Those also in attendance included Library Director Rachel Fuller, Assistant Director of Operations Lori Burgess, Youth Services Manager Sarah Davis, Adult Services Manager Melanie Kearn, Administrative Assistant Laurie Moore, and City Attorney Deborah Hoffmann.

2. Comments from the Public: Fuller shared multiple holiday cards from vendors and community partners.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the December 18th Regular Meeting of the Board. Motion to approve the minutes presented: Simon; second: Myrechuck; carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for December

5. Approval of Financial Reports:

A. List of bills paid since the last regular meeting: Motion to approve the bills as presented: Simon; second: Brault; carried by roll call vote: yes seven (7); noes none (0); absent and not voting one (1). Krikau questioned if the payment to Winnefox on line 22 was a one-time payment or a recurring payment. Moore explained this was a one-time payment for computers.

B. Statement of Accounts: Motion to approve the statement of accounts as presented: Brault; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote. Krikau asked about the balance of revenue over expenses. Moore explained that this is not the final numbers yet for December; some expenses for 2025 have not been paid yet. Brault asked how much the library ended up covering for the Seed Grant. Moore did not have an exact number, but stated that it was not a large amount.

6. Monthly Statistics

7. Administrative Reports:

* Fuller shared that the library was approved for the \$10,000 Carnegie library gift, which should be arriving this month. We were initially not on the list, but Fuller contacted them and was able to get approved. Simon asked if there any ideas yet of how to spend the funds. Fuller stated there are many ideas, but nothing has been decided yet.

* Simon asked Fuller if she was attending Library Legislative Day. Fuller is going, and Brault said she may be interested in joining. Simon asked if meetings with the legislatures need to be set up ahead of time. Fuller stated that Winnefox sets up those times for her.

* Fuller shared that the library is migrating from Google to Microsoft 365. She will have an MOU from Winnefox to facilitate that process, with no expectation that the library joins Winnefox.

* Brault asked Melanie about the mention in her report of the Overdrive purchases for Fond du Lac Public Library patrons and how that works. Kearn explained that purchases are made to buy down holds on popular materials. Overdrive can monitor our holds count and add items to our cart for review before purchasing.

* Myrechuck asked Fuller about her experience with the Winter Wonderland. She expressed that she enjoyed it. She is not accustomed to libraries offering Santa visits but stated that the Santa we use is top-notch.

* Krikau commented on how much she enjoys having a 3-D printer running on the first floor.

8. Old Business:

A. None

9. New Business:

A. Author Event Policy: Motion to approve the Author Event Policy as presented; Brault; second: Simon; carried by unanimous voice vote. Krikau shared with the board that she had talked to Fuller about removing procedural language from policies. Fuller shared that the procedures for author events will be cleaned up going forward. Brault questioned the removal of the portion talking about the author handling their own sales. Fuller stated that this is part of the information an author receives when they request an event. It won't be changing, but removing this portion from the policy makes it easier to make changes going forward.

* Burgess, Davis, Kearn and Moore left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

10. Adjourn to Closed Session: Motion to adjourn to closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19 (1)(g) at 4:54 pm to seek legal counsel: Simon; second: Myrechuck; carried by roll-call vote: yes seven (7); noes none (0); absent and not voting one (1).

11. Reconvene in Open Session: Motion to enter into open session at 5:08 pm for purposes of adjournment: Herlache; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by roll call vote: yes seven (7); noes none (0); absent and not voting one (1).

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Simon; second: Myrechuck; carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned by board president Dusty Krikau at 5:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Hayes
Secretary