

## **FDL Public Library Board Minutes**

### **February 19, 2026**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, February 19, 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 4:31 p.m. by Board President, Dusty Krikau. Trustees present: Tiffany Brault, Emily Hayes, Lauren Herlache, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Julie Schroeder, Sharon Simon, and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: None. Those also in attendance included Library Director Rachel Fuller, Assistant Director of Operations Lori Burgess, Youth Services Manager Sarah Davis, Adult Services Manager Melanie Kearns, Information Technology Manager Joshua Cowles, Public Relations Manager Ian Stepleton, and Library Administrative Specialist Laurie Moore.

2. Comments from the Public: Emily Waisanen introduced herself as a possible future board member.

\* Wood-Taylor arrived at 4:33 p.m.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

A. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the January 15th Regular Meeting of the Board: Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Simon; second: Herlache; carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### 4. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for January

#### 5. 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 seven (7); noes none (0); absent and not voting one (1). Krikau questioned what the Skyriver bill was for and if it's only paid once annually. Burgess stated it is for bibliographic records and it is only paid once a year.

B. Statement of Accounts: Motion to approve the statement of accounts as presented: Myrechuck; second: Brault; carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Monthly Statistics: Herlache asked if there were any predictions to what the statistics will look like for 2026. Fuller stated she expects to see increases in circulation for Kanopy and Libby/Overdrive.

#### 7. Administrative Reports:

\* Fuller reported that we had no additional leaking to report from the second floor. She is waiting for an update from Excel and Van Ert, and is hoping that they will be here within the next week. Brault had a patron inquiring if there will be some big kick-off when the solar project is functioning. Fuller stated that getting the display of the usage may take a bit longer than finishing off the punch list from the inspection. She did ask if there is an option to flip on the solar without the data portion functioning, but they do not suggest it. We will plan to have a kick off when it is functioning.

\* Myrechuck asked if the Library is not doing a Bluey program this year. Davis stated that for legal reasons the name needed to be changed to Heeler Family Fun Day. We are looking for volunteers once again. Myrechuck and Brault offered to volunteer. Davis will follow-up with an email regarding volunteers. Krikau commented that she liked in previous years when the Director sent out an email looking for volunteers for upcoming events.

\* Brault asked about the self-check error that was recording checkouts incorrectly. Burgess stated that it was recording checkouts at the Main location as Buechel Branch checkouts. This should now be fixed.

\* Simon asked how Library Legislative Day went. Fuller will share more information on this in next month's report, but stated that it went well, with them recording the highest attendance yet.

\* Schroeder arrived at 4:48 p.m.

\* Krikau commented on how much she liked that all the circulation staff are now badged on the 3-D printer.

\* Brault asked about the mention of Generative AI in the Adult Services report, and if we have anything in our policies regarding this. Fuller stated that this did come up in discussions she had with staff members during her open office hours and recommends looking over the Selection Policy and Procedures regarding this issue.

8. Old Business:

A. None

9. New Business:

A. Strategic Plan Update: Burgess gave an update on the Strategic Plan, with the following being some highlights of her report:

Goal 1 – Community Happens Here

- \* Working to strengthen our current community partners and acquire new ones
- \* Emphasis now is on meeting the community where they are
- \* Design Lab did a lot of forward-thinking innovations, as well as sustainability efforts

Goal 2 – A Radically Welcoming Library

- \* Held staff trainings and open programming to include sensory-friendly and adaptive efforts
- \* Accommodate staff and users with new desks, more bilingual staff and more adaptive materials for checkout
- \* Added sign language to the offerings from Mango Language
- \* Decreased barriers by taking library programs out to the community; i.e. Domestic Violence Shelter, Maplewood Commons
- \* Added wayfinding Browser footprints on lower level walls and new multi-colored carpet squares in the entry to give contrast for people with dementia

Goal 3 – Creating a Culture of Curiosity and Innovation in the Community

- \* Increased underutilized resources, including social media posts, a 2<sup>nd</sup> radio interview monthly, bookmarks for outreach programs, and placing a 3-D printer on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor for visibility
- \* Increased the number and variety of teen programs
- \* Reached readers through experience, not just reading; i.e. Experience passes, variety of programs, gaming, and outdoor games

Goal 4 – We Communicate Effectively and Inclusively with Our Community

- \* Implemented a new website, calendar system, and click-tracking to better track usage of online resources
- \* Increased social media presence as well as advertising at the movie theatre
- \* Social media post asking what patrons love about the library, as well as testimonials about the library in patrons posts

Goal 5 – We Invest in Our People and Places

- \* Increased the continuing education budget to allow staff to attend conferences and regional meetings
- \* Received grants to be used to increase offerings to patrons; Fuller also has ideas on Foundation funds and how to help increase the overall financial stability
- \* Offer fun morale boosters for staff

Brault asked if there is anything specific that we need to work on this year going forward. Burgess thinks that increasing the financial stability could use some more growth, but is happy with some of the growth we have seen.

B. Motion to approve the Wisconsin Library Annual Report for 2025: Simon; Second: Herlache; carried by unanimous voice vote.

C. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Microsoft Licensing Support Services Agreement with Winnefox Library System: Brault; second: Myrechuck; carried by unanimous voice vote. Fuller gave kudos to Cowles for his work on this transition and the great cost savings to go with Winnefox.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Simon; second: Herlache; carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned by board president Dusty Krikau at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Hayes  
Secretary