

FDL Public Library Board Minutes
March 19, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, March 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 4:33 p.m. by Board President, Dusty Krikau. Trustees present: Tiffany Brault, Emily Hayes, Lauren Herlache, Dusty Krikau, Julie Schroeder, Sharon Simon, Emily Waisanen, and Brendan Wood-Taylor. Members absent: Jay Myrechuck. 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, Public Relations Manager Ian Stepleton, Library Administrative Specialist Laurie Moore, and Local History and Genealogy Librarian John Serrano.

2. Comments from the Public: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the February 19th Regular Meeting of the Board: Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Herlache; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for February

5. Approval of Financial Reports:

A. List of bills paid since the last regular meeting: Motion to approve the bills as presented: Waisanen; second: Brault; carried by roll call vote: yes eight (8); noes none (0); absent and not voting one (1). Krikau questioned the remaining balance in contractual services. Moore explained that there are a few large one-time bills paid out of automation in the beginning of the year.

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

6. Monthly Statistics: Herlache commented on the nice increase of Kanopy usage.

7. Administrative Reports:

* Fuller thanked Ian and everyone else involved on the work put into making the website ADA compliant.

* Fuller plans to bring a few updated Memorandum of Understandings to the board in the next few months for their approval; Literacy and Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts.

* Fuller spoke about the email sent to the board from ALA regarding library advocacy. She plans to send these out from time to time, along with WLA advocacy emails.

* Brault asked how the Great Decisions program was going. Kearn shared that although attendance has been low, there has been some great presentations by professors and wonderful discussions.

* Krikau asked how the interdepartmental collaboration was going between Youth Services and Adult Services, as mentioned in the Youth Services report. Kearn stated that some great ideas are coming from these discussions.

* Krikau asked when the Summer Reading Program theme will be revealed. Davis shared that the theme is something being used statewide by libraries, "Unearth a Story." There is no plan to do a major reveal of the theme.

* Brault thanked the library for having a booth at Celebrate commUNITY, stating that she heard they had their best attendance this year.

* Krikau asked Stepleton if there were any concerns with the website, regarding the ADA compliance. Stepleton stated that there are no major concerns, just a few small changes needing to be made.

8. Old Business:

A. None

9. New Business:

A. Holiday Closing Policy: Motion to approve the Holiday Closing Policy as presented: Wood-Taylor; second: Brault; carried by unanimous voice vote. Fuller stated nothing is changing from our current practices. This policy is just bringing everything in line.

B. Fond du Lac Area Foundation funds – presentation by Greg Giles: Giles spoke about our funds with the Fond du Lac Area Foundation. He gave an overview of endowed funds and how they work, growing over time and paying out a spendable amount every year. He also spoke about grant programs that non-profits can apply for when they have specific needs. He shared how people can make a Qualified Charitable Contribution from an IRA to an endowment fund without having to pay taxes on it. This is a great way to donate their mandatory distributions to some great non-profits.

* Herlache left at 5:17 p.m.

C. New Digital Access to Local History – presentation by John Serrano: Local History and Genealogy Librarian John Serrano gave a presentation showing an overview on the new digital access to local history on the library website. Brault asked if there have been any discussions with the Fond du Lac Historical Society? Serrano stated that the plan is to partner with them to keep that local history at the library when we have the capacity for it.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Wood-Taylor; second: Waisanen; carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned by board president Dusty Krikau at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Hayes
Secretary