

FDL Public Library Board Minutes
April 16, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, April 16, 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 4:35 p.m. by Board President, Dusty Krikau. Trustees present: Tiffany Brault, Emily Hayes, Lauren Herlache, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Julie Schroeder, Sharon Simon, Emily Waisanen, 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 Kearn, Public Relations Manager Ian Stepleton, and Library Administrative Specialist Laurie Moore.

2. Comments from the Public: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the March 19th Regular Meeting of the Board: Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Herlache; second: Simon; carried by unanimous voice vote; abstention from Myrechuck.

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 nine (9); noes none (0); absent and not voting none (0). Waisanen shared that Envision Greater Fond du Lac is going to feature the library's Experience Passes.

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

6. Monthly Statistics: Simon commented how nice it is to see the increase in visitors. Brault questioned the huge increase in the adult programming numbers. Moore stated there are many more passive programs being counted than there were previously. Myrechuck questioned whether we should be counting tax form numbers as a passive activity. Fuller stated she will check into this for next year.

7. Administrative Reports:

* Fuller commented on her continuing work on streamlining the reports for the board packet.

* Kearn shared information regarding the 2 phase release of New York Times digital access. In the first phase, patrons are able to access the New York Times digital from one of our public computers, or when connected to the library's Wi-Fi. The next phase will allow patrons to be able to access it from any location with a provided access code.

* Fuller stated she will have a solar project update in May, but stated the missing part should be arriving soon so they are able to move forward with the project.

* Brault gave a shout out to the staff on a great Blue Heeler Party.

* Krikau questioned if the trailers being shown at the Odyssey Theatre will also be shared via social media. Stepleton stated that they are not formatted well for that. Krikau requested that the movie trailers be added to the library's YouTube channel.

* Krikau asked if the new adult services reel is getting good traction. Stepleton stated that there have been many views and some new book-a-librarian sessions from those viewings.

8. Old Business:

A. None

9. New Business:

A. Memorandum of Understanding Between Fond du Lac Literacy Services and Fond du Lac Public Library: Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented: Herlache; second: Myrechuck; carried by unanimous voice vote. Fuller shared that this has been looked over by the Literacy board for their approval, as well as city hall's legal department. Brault inquired if there have been any significant changes to the MOU. Fuller stated there was some clean up to the language regarding staff involvement. Myrechuck asked if the printing stipend has been an issue at all. Fuller stated it has not been. Herlache inquired about the ending date being December 31, 2026. Fuller stated that is correct, and will help get it back on schedule to start a new one on January 1, 2027. Literacy offered to extend the current MOU until this new one could be approved. Fuller shared that the library may look into a multi-year MOU in the future, but a new one will be coming for approval in December 2026, for the 2027 fiscal year. She indicated if there is interest in having a multi-year one, to please indicate that before November 2026. Krikau commented that a yearly MOU may be a good idea due to turnover on the library and literacy boards.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Simon; second: Wood-Taylor; carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned by board president Dusty Krikau at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Hayes
Secretary