

FDL Public Library Board Minutes

July 16, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: On Thursday, July 16, in the Community Room and via Teams Meeting, 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: Rasma Barbee, Tiffany Brault, Emily Hayes, Lauren Herlache, Dusty Krikau, Jay Myrechuck, Julie Schroeder, Sharon Simon, and Emily Waisanen. 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, IT Manager Josh Cowles, and Library Administrative Specialist Laurie Moore.

2. Comments from the Public: Robert Burns spoke regarding food not being allowed in the library.

* 4:31 Hayes arrived.

3. Presentations: No presentations this month.

4. Approval of Minutes

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

5. Correspondence (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Bank Statement from Seefeld Trust for June: Krikau explained the correspondence section to new board member Barbee, as well as having the board and staff members introduce themselves.

6. 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 nine (9); noes none (0); absent and not voting none (0). Krikau inquired about the elevator oil change. Moore explained it is a one-time charge to help with the longevity of the elevator.

B. Statement of Accounts: Motion to approve the statement of accounts as presented: Myrechuck; second: Brault; carried by unanimous voice vote. Waisanen inquired about the negative remaining balance for the membership fund and the printing fund. Moore explained that the printing fund was from some additional printing that was done for the Summer Reading Program, but that overage will be easily absorbed into another fund. Moore also explained that the membership fund was from Fuller's rotary membership, which will be covered by education & training funds.

7. Monthly Statistics

8. Administrative Reports:

* Fuller welcomed Barbee to the board and also informed the board of the term renewals for Krikau and Hayes.

* Fuller informed the board that there was a failure in one of the components for the solar project, but a new part is being shipped to the library.

* The library is in the process of getting landscaping quotes.

* The summer reading program is going well; patrons have read a total of over 1,000,000 minutes.

* Fuller shared that after reviewing the Teen non-fiction collection, it will remain where it currently is. This information was shared with the patron who filed the challenge of an item in that collection.

* There was another challenge received by the library regarding the pride display, but the time has now passed for the patron to appeal the decision.

* Fuller shared a thank you letter from Broken Bread with the board for our Food for Fines program, which allowed a donation of 30 boxes of non-perishable food.

* Fuller shared that the process has been started to activate email addresses for the board members. The login information will be shared with the board members at the August board meeting. Myrechuck inquired if it would be okay to just use his county board email instead, as well as Brault asking if it would be okay to use her city council email. Fuller will follow-up with the city and county to make sure the process will work okay when it comes to records requests.

* Herlache inquired what the expected savings in electric will be for 2027. Fuller stated the library should see about \$22,000 in savings annually.

9. Old Business:

A. Nominating Committee of the Whole Discussion and Presentation of Slate of Officers: Schroeder nominated Krikau to remain as President. Myrechuck nominated himself as Vice-President. Hayes nominated herself to remain as Secretary. Simon nominated Herlache as Treasurer. Schroeder nominated herself as Treasurer, so Herlache rescinded. The Slate of Officers will be:

President – Dusty Krikau

Vice-President – Jay Myrechuck

Secretary – Emily Hayes

Treasurer – Julie Schroeder

B. Collection Locations: Schroeder shared that she was happy to hear that the Teen non-fiction collection will remain in its current location, but wanted to know what brought up the review of the collection. Fuller stated that periodically libraries review their collections and the circulation of those collections to decide if the materials are in the best location to serve patrons. These are data driven decisions that have an impact on how the space in the library is used. The idea has been brought up to purchase duplicate titles for different collections, if the data shows that it would make sense in multiple areas. Fuller stated that the library does need to get on a regular collection review schedule.

10. New Business:

A. Election of Board Officers: Motion to approve the slate of officers as presented during old business: Simon; second: Herlache; carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Resolution 2026-01 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Third Amendment to the Lease of the Buechel Branch Location: Motion to approve the resolution as presented: Simon; second: Waisanen; carried by unanimous voice vote. Fuller shared that she had requested an amendment for a shorter extension from the landlords, as the current strategic plan is coming to an end. The landlords were happy to share a 2-year extension with no price increase.

* Krikau requested that a section be added to the agenda in the future to allow board members to discuss what future agenda items they may want to include.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Hayes; second: Barbee; Meeting was adjourned by board President Krikau at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Hayes
Secretary