



## Meeting Minutes

### Library Board

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Tuesday, April 9, 2024

5:00 PM

La Crosse Public Library  
Auditorium (Lower Level)

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#### Call to Order

*The Chair, Ms. Anglehart, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.*

*PRESENT: Sue Anglehart, Kathy Ivey, Ross Seymour, Araysa Simpson, Katie Bittner, Mac Kiel (arrived at 5:30)*

*ABSENT: Erin Raymus, Aaron Engel, Jess Thill*

*STAFF: Shanneon Grant, Barry McKnight, Elaine Petersen, Cole Zrostlik, Daniel Whitmore, Dawn Wacek, Cynthia Arauz*

#### Agenda Items:

#### 1 Presentation by Community Resource Specialist, Kate McNamer

*Community Resource Specialist Kate McNamer shared updates on ways LPL is currently serving disadvantaged, unhoused, and at-risk community members. Mx. McNamer explained how they have been helping patrons find transportation assistance, clothing, financial resources, legal assistance, bill payment resources, and coordinating with staff from the Catholic Charities Warming Center. Through donations and grants, the library has also provided bus tokens, Goodwill vouchers, blankets, gloves, and more. Mx. McNamer discussed recent news about a donation from the Bombas sock company.*

#### 2 Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – March 12, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of March 12, 2024.  
(Kathy Ivey/Ross Seymour) Carried

#### 3 Approval of Minutes from Committee of the Whole – April 2, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of April 2, 2024.  
(Ross Seymour/Araysa Simpson) Carried

#### 4 Approval of Bills & Financial Reports – 13th Month and March 2024

Motion to approve the bills and financial reports from 13th Month and March 2024.  
(Araysa Simpson/Kathy Ivey) Carried

**5 Reports**

*5.1 Director's Report*

*5.11 Strategic Plan Implementation: First Quarter Report*

*Director Grant provided an overview of continued progress and first quarter accomplishments meeting strategic planning goals.*

*5.12 Operational Updates*

*Three staff members attended the Public Library Association (PLA) Conference April 3-5 in Columbus, Ohio.*

*5.13 Programming Highlights*

*Popular program offerings in April included a visit from Brutus the mini-pig, financial literacy events, and an interactive story adventure of the celebrated children's book, Where the Wild Things Are. National Library Workers Day was celebrated on April 9 as part of National Library week, April 7-13.*

*5.14 2025 Capital Improvement Budget Process*

*Ms. Grant worked with City Engineering and Finance departments on updating project costs for design, inflation, and contingency for new air handling units at Main. Director Grant acknowledged the expertise and guidance of Caleb Wodarz in Engineering. Past CIP funding that had been approved for the South Library may be applied to new project.*

*5.2 Committee of the Whole Report – April 2, 2024*

*5.21 Approval of Bereavement Policy*

**Motion to approve Bereavement Policy with new clarifications.  
(Araysa Simpson/Ross Seymour) Carried**

**6 New Business**

**7 Old Business**

**8 Topics for Future Meetings**

*8.1 Review of Talon Security Services*

*8.2 Fund Balance Priorities*

*8.3 Main Facilities Tour*

**9 Public Comment / Other**

**10 Adjournment at 6:02 p.m.**

**Motion to Adjourn  
(Kathy Ivey/Mac Kiel) Carried**