



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

5:00 PM

La Crosse Public Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

1 Call to Order

The Chair, Ms. Anglehart, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Sue Anglehart, Kathy Ivey, Araysa Simpson, Jess Thill, Aaron Engel, Mac Kiel, Ross Seymour

ABSENT: Shanneon Grant, Erin Raymus, Katie Bittner

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

2 Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – October 10, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of October 10, 2023.

(Ross Seymour/Aaron Engel) Carried

3 Approval of Minutes from Committee of the Whole – No November Meeting

4 Approval of Bills & Financial Reports – October 2023

Motion to approve the bills and financial reports from October 2023.

(Kathy Ivey/Aaron Engel) Carried

5 Reports

5.1 Director's Report

5.11 Vacancy / New Hire Updates

In Ms. Grant's absence, Deputy Director Dawn Wacek led the meeting. Now that the 2024 budget has been approved by the City Council, LPL plans to hire new library assistants and is seeking a Network and Cybersecurity Analyst.

5.12 Operational Updates

Two board members, Mac Kiel and Kathy Ivey, joined library staff for Staff Development Day on October 13. Staff enjoyed hands-on portion of the day; professional development was led by space planning expert David Vinjamuri. Staff worked together to update the shelving displays in the main areas of the library. Strategic planning consultants Library Strategies were back on October 17 to talk about implementation of the new strategic plan with management staff. Logistics for closing of South. Last day is November 29. Staff will begin moving materials December 9.

Giving Tuesday November 28.

5.13 Programming Highlights

Snake program—300 people at program from Madison Herpetological Society. It was a huge turnout and a great day at the library with four programs and four hours of fun.

Fall is full; Regional Read is happening now.

5.14 2024 City Operating Budget Process Update

Budget was approved yesterday. A 2.5% cost of living adjustment was approved for all staff. Shared revenue was not as much as anticipated.

5.141 Approval of 2024 Library Operating Budget

**Motion to approve the 2024 Library Operating Budget.
(Araysa Simpson/Ross Seymour) Carried**

5.2 Committee of the Whole Report – No November Meeting

6 New Business

6.1 Review & Approval of Library Closed Dates for 2024

**Motion to approve Library Closed Dates for 2024.
(Aaron Engel/Kathy Ivey) Carried**

7 Old Business

8 Topics for Future Meetings

8.1 Fund Balance Priorities

8.2 End of Fiscal Year Special Trustees Reimbursements

8.3 2024 Winding Rivers Resource Library Contract

9 Public Comment / Other

None.

10 Adjournment

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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