



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

5:00 PM

La Crosse Main Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

Roll Call

PRESENT: Kathy Ivey, Ross Seymour, Jess Thill, Katie Bittner, Bryan Morris, Mac Kiel, Araysa Simpson

ABSENT: Aaron Engel, Sue Anglehart, Shanneon Grant (on FMLA)

STAFF: Dawn Wacek, Barry McKnight, Elaine Petersen, Anita Doering, Cynthia Arauz, Cole Zrostlik

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

Agenda Items:

1 Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – February 14, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2023.

(Ross Seymour/Bryan Morris) Carried

2 Approval of Minutes from Committee of the Whole – No Meeting March 7, 2023

N/A

3 Approval of Bills & Financial Reports – February 2023

Motion to approve the bills and financials

(Katie Bittner/Bryan Morris) Carried

4 Reports

4.1 Director's Report

4.11 Vacancy Report/New Hire Updates

Several new staff: Donald Greengrass in patron relations, Lauren Schilling has joined as a library clerk, two new staff in archives: Megan Hoefling and Sarah Ludington; Cole Zrostlik will take over Business Services Specialist position. There is a current vacancy in circ—interviews are in process.

4.12 Operational Updates

Ms. Wacek noted that the Access & Engagement department is seeking grants for the library's Creation Space for adjustable tables to better serve all users. The Youth

Services department is applying for a teen summer intern grant. A "tot spot" has been added on the second floor. The library's tool library will be ready by end of March. Additionally, the Creation Space will reopen on Saturday, March 18, after being closed for two weeks to accommodate a move from the library's basement to the second floor. Collection Management has moved downstairs. Circulation was up 94% with new "flip bin" shelving in the youth area!

4.13 Strategic Planning Updates

The strategic planning process is underway. Timeline: March - background and steering committee recruitment; April - kick-off and community surveys; May- staff survey; June - focus group invites, July & August - focus groups, Sept or October - planning wraps up.

4.14 Programming Updates

Library staff are prepared for another successful Summer Library Program. Youth/teen programs are seeing higher attendance. The Youth Services department is looking at ways to make those programs sustainable. Popular adult programming has recently included Book Talk BINGO at 608 Brewery and our three book clubs.

4.2 Committee of the Whole Report - No Meeting

5 New Business

5.1 NEW staff t-shirts! Board would like to support/buy t-shirts.

6 Old Business

6.1 Approval of Bulletin Board Policy

Addition of "hate speech" to non-allowed posts to public bulletin boards.

**Motion to approve Bulletin Board Policy
(Ross Seymour/Bryan Morris) Carried**

6.2 Approval of Service Animal Policy

Small update- replaced "security" staff with "Public Relations" staff.

**Motion to approve Service Animal Policy
(Katie Bittner/Jess Thill) Carried**

7 Public Comment/Other

None.

8 Topics for Future Meetings

8.1 2022 Annual Report

9 Adjournment

Time: 5:28

Motion to adjourn.

(Bryan Morris/Katie Bittner) Carried

La Crosse Public Library Board of Trustees Members:

Sue Anglehart, Kathy Ivey, Katie Bittner, Aaron Engel, Mac Kiel, Bryan Morris, Ross Seymour,
Araysa Simpson, Jess Thill