



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

5:00 PM

La Crosse Public Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

Call to Order

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

PRESENT: Sue Anglehart, Katie Bittner, Araysa Simpson, Jess Thill, Aaron Engel, Mac Kiel, Ross Seymour

ABSENT: Erin Raymus, Kathy Ivey

STAFF: Shanneon Grant, Barry McKnight, Elaine Petersen, Cole Zrostlik, Daniel Whitmore, Anita Doering, Cynthia Arauz

Agenda Items:

1 Presentation by Trust Point Relationship Manager Jennifer Gander and Account Manager/Chief Investment Officer Yan Arsenault

While net additions have gone down, returns are up 1.7% over the last 10 years. These are good numbers compared to benchmarks. Cumulative performance over time is outperforming the Consumer Price Index.

2 Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – December 12, 2023 (No January Meeting)

**Motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of December 12, 2023.
(Araysa Simpson/Aaron Engel) Carried**

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

4 Approval of Bills & Financial Reports – December 2023, 13th Month, and January 2024

The Library has requested information from City Finance to reconcile 13th Month financials.

**Motion to approve the bills and financial reports from December 2023 and January 2024.
(Aaron Engel/ Ross Seymour) Carried**

5 Annual Code of Ethics Review

Board members gave verbal confirmation of review and the Chair signed on their behalf.

6 Reports

6.1 Director's Report

6.11 Vacancy Report / New Hire Updates

Starting in January, Braedon Monroe joined LPL filling the vacant Network & Cybersecurity Analyst position. The library also filled three part-time library assistant vacancies and welcomed: Rashaan Calvin joined the Patron Relations Team; Miranda Greeno and Sarah Carlson in Circulation; and Heather Bach in Access & Engagement.

6.12 Talon Security Services Review

The presence of Talon Security has been beneficial. Staff and patrons have had mainly positive feedback. Implemented as a three-month stop-gap measure, the current contract ends in March. Library leadership is assessing future contract needs and potential funding. Board members voiced concern with the unanticipated, yet necessary costs associate with contracting security to support safety in this public space.

6.13 Operational Updates

6.13.1 A progress report of strategic goals and accomplishments will be presented quarterly.

6.13.2 Several Common Council members attended a community input session January 22 to explore potential uses for the former South Branch Library. Next, the City will receive requests for proposals. The Library will have no decision-making power in this process.

6.13.3 Library Consultant David Vinjamuri was on site January 30 and 31. He is currently working on a space analysis report.

6.13.4 Deputy Director Dawn Wacek spoke about her work on the City's crisis response team. Meetings convened people from all local organizations working, on a daily basis, with our unhoused community members. Along with the City and County, this collaborative is looking at finding solutions to areas of highest needs. "Pathways Home" document was released in early January 2024. Solutions for immediate needs are still being sought.

6.14 Programming Highlights

Singing Bowl meditation programming has been popular. Local media covered several recent programs including Winter Wonderland Ball, Black History Month displays and Chair Exercise program.

7 New Business

8 Old Business

*8.1 Review of Special Trustees Fund – History, Purpose & Spending Practice
Director Grant shared an updated version of the Special Trustees Fund document that was originally shared with the Board in 2021 and is provided during Trustee onboarding.*

Updates include recently funded projects. A Board member suggested that use restrictions and clarification of the Board's spending be added to the Trustee Bylaws.

9 Topics for Future Meetings

- 9.1 Updates to Classification and Compensation Policy*
- 9.2 Technology Replacement Plan*
- 9.3 13th Month Financials*

10 Public Comment / Other

11 Adjournment

Time: 6:25 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn.
(Aaron Engel/Araysa Simpson) Carried**