



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

5:00 PM

La Crosse Main Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

Agenda

1. Call to Order

PRESENT:

Sue Anglehart, Kathy Ivey, Katie Bittner, Aaron Engel, Mac Kiel, Bryan Morris, Ross Seymour, Jess Thill, Araysa Simpson (arrived 5:29 p.m.)

The Chair, Ms. Anglehart, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Introduction of Community Resource Specialist

Kate McNamer provided an overview of their role and how they've networked within the community. They also assist in connecting patrons with a variety of social services, and work closely with Patron Relations.

3. Election of Officers

Motion to move election of secretary to end of agenda.

(Kathy Ivey / Katie Bittner) Carried

4. Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting

Minutes were approved as amended and correct arrival times were noted in the July minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022.

(Ross Seymour / Aaron Engel) Carried

5. Approval of Minutes from Committee of the Whole Meeting

No August meeting.

6. Approval of Bills & Financial Reports

Second quarter reports from Trust Point were provided.

Motion to approve the bills and financial reports for July 2022.

(Aaron Engel / Kathy Ivey) Carried

7. Review of Preliminary 2023 Operating Budget Request

With the exception of salaries and benefits, the budget remains flat with few changes and only minor movement between lines. Ms. Grant and Ian Howden will meet with the Mayor and Budget Analyst on August 15 to review the Library's preliminary budget request.

8. Reports

8.1 Director's Report

8.11 Vacancy Report / New Hire Updates

Both vacancies in Collection Management have been filled. Lindsey Walker joined the team August 5, and Colleen Hallfrisch will start September 6. Both have cataloging experience.

8.12 Pay and Class Study Updates

Ms. Grant and Dawn Wacek met with McGrath Consultants on August 4. They shared an overview of the market comparison process of library and city positions, as well as their general findings. A representative from McGrath will present to the Board at the September Committee of the Whole meeting. The City HR Director will also be in attendance.

8.13 Facilities Updates

The Hearing Loop install in Main Hall is scheduled for August 16 and 17. Acoustical panels will be installed by the end of September.

8.14 Programming Highlights

More than 250 people attended the Summer Reading Celebration at Powell Park on Saturday July 30.

The Climate Change Regional Read for 2022 kicks off on Saturday August 20 at the No Run Fun Run event.

The majority of Threads of Tradition programming events were paused except Pulitzer finalist Mai Der Vang. The goal is to bring all partners together and rework these events for spring programming.

8.15 2023 Operating Budget Process Update

As part of the annual process, Library employee information is verified and updated to provide the most accurate salary and data calculation. Forecasting benefit changes for City of La Crosse employees, the Finance Department calculates and enters all budget figures related to personnel.

The Library's preliminary budget request will be reviewed August 15. The Board of Estimates will meet on September 6 at 1pm for an overview and to discuss any changes.

8.2 Committee of the Whole Report

No August meeting.

9. Old Business

None.

10. Election of Officers

**Motion to nominate Araysa Simpson for Secretary.
(Katie Bittner / Bryan Morris) Carried**

11. Public Comment / Other

A patron thanked the Library for having community resource services available and shared how much he had been helped by Kate.

12. Topics for Future Meetings

None.

13. Adjournment

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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