



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

5:00 PM

La Crosse Public Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

Call to Order

The Chair, Ms. Anglehart, called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Ross Seymour, Erin Raymus, Katie Bittner

STAFF: Shanneon Grant, Dawn Wacek, Cole Zrostlik, Daniel Whitmore, Brooke Newberry, Amber Leibundgut-Peterson, Anita Doering

Agenda Items:

1 Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – September 10, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of September 10, 2024.

(Kathy Ivey/Aaron Engel) Carried

2 Approval of Minutes from Committee of the Whole – October 1, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 1, 2024.

(Kathy Ivey/Mac Kiel) Carried

3 Approval of Bills & Financial Reports – September 2024

Motion to approve the bills and financial reports from September 2024.

(Mac Kiel/Aaron Engel) Carried

4 Reports

4.1 Director's Report

4.11 Vacancy/New Hire Report

Archives Manager/Senior Archivist, Anita Doering, will be retiring in February 2025 after more than 36 years at La Crosse Public Library. Director Grant followed up this announcement with news that Ms. Doering was recently named the recipient of the 2024 Muriel Fuller award from the Wisconsin Library Association.

4.12 Operational Updates

La Crosse Public Library was one of 35 libraries and community centers in the state of Wisconsin awarded a grant through the Flexible Facilities Program. LPL was awarded \$3,010,808 to assist with library renovations and technological connectivity improvements.

4.13 Programming Highlights

Back by popular demand, Youth Services offered the second annual Fall Fairy Hunt on September 17. The Driftless Regional Read is in full swing with many programs and events around this year’s theme of creativity.

Board members were encouraged to check out the October newsletter packed with many program options including information on the popular Hear, Here Trolley and Walking Tours.

4.14 2025 Operating Budget Process Updates

The second Board of Estimates (BOE) meeting was held October 7th. Through the use of one-time revenues as well as proposed adjustments to levy limits, the BOE approved moving the revised 2025 Operating Budget to Common Council for final adoption November 18. As all City departments continue assessing staffing levels, no City department budgets were reduced. City Human Resources, Finance, and the Mayor are aware that the library is in the process of restructuring staff in a continued effort to be as efficient as possible with operating funds amidst rising costs.

4.2 Committee of the Whole Report – October 1, 2024

4.21 Approval of Revised Job Descriptions

Suggestions made by Board members during the October Committee of the Whole meeting were added to the updated job descriptions.

**Motion to approve revised job descriptions.
(Aaron Engel/Kathy Ivey) Carried**

4.22 Approval of Updated Patron Expectations and Behavior Guidelines

Motion to approve updated Patron Expectations and Behavior Guideline document.

(Kathy Ivey/Aaron Engel) Carried

5 Old Business

6 New Business

7 Topics for Future Meeting

7.1 Architectural Renderings for Future Fundraising

8 Public Comment / Other

9 Adjournment at 5:38 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn.
(Aaron Engel/Mac Kiel) Carried**