

Brewer Public Library  
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**Brewer Public Library Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2022**

**Present:** Francis Braithwaite, Dawn Kiefer, Lisa Rewald, Karin Tepley, Jarred Burke, Blossom Wright, Ida Ryan, Dave Turk (arrived at 4:30), Linda Gentes (arrived at 4:15)

**Also present:** Martha Bauer

**Absent:**

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by President Braithwaite. A quorum was present.
2. Director Bauer indicated that the meeting was properly posted.
3. Motion by Tepley, seconded by Wright, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Kiefer, seconded by Ryan to waive reading of the March minutes in lieu of printed copies and approve the minutes.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** (Due to no financial report from the city in March, this report is for February and March)
  - February: Beginning balance=\$173,079.24. Expenditures= \$16,460.82. Revenue =\$145,214.72. Ending balance= \$301,833.14
  - March: Beginning balance=\$301,833.14. Expenditures=\$42,005.81. Revenue= \$554.68. Ending balance=260,382.01
  - We have currently spent 18.5% of our budget excluding heat and attorney fees which are closer to 25%
  - Motion by Wright, seconded by Burke, to approve the February and March Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.
6. **Director Report:**
  - Circulation for March was 4,265. 2,438 adult material, 144 YA material, 1,683 juvenile material and A/V was 1,221. Wiscat circulation was 101 borrowed items and 87 lent items. Computer usage=389 wireless log-ins, 146 log-ins. 319 pages printed (\$68.30).
  - There were no adult programs and 12 Juvenile programs with 103 attendees.
  - Circulation and library usage numbers are strong. There has been great turn-outs for story time.
  - We are still waiting for asbestos testing (floor tiles)
  - The Pride display is still causing some issues with some patrons but others are saying that, "It feels like a safe place".
  - Staff is still strategizing about the Maker's space.
  - History Room numbers: 59 visitors. 55 emails and calls. Checking balance \$2,408. \$280.83 income. \$1,908 expenses. Ending balance=\$780.65

Motion by Kiefer, seconded by Tepley, to approve the Library Director's report. Motion

carried.

7. **Motion to pay monthly library bills:** Motion by Gentes, seconded by Ryan, to approve payment of the monthly bills. Motion carried.
8. **FEH Design:** The Board reviewed all of the suggested sites proposed by FEH Design. All of the proposed building, additions and remodeling plans would cost between \$8.5 to \$12 million dollars. The Board discussed refining plans, looking at options and getting clearer on what the library needs to update for the next 50+ years.
9. **Friends of the Library and Foundation Report:** The Foundation will meet April 21
10. **City and County Board reports:** Karen Tepley reported that John Collins is leaving the Council after 6 years. There will be an Economic Summit on April 26 from 5:30 to 8:30 at the auditorium. Dave Turk and Linda Gentes reported that the County is restructuring committees which will result in fewer committees.
11. **School District Report:** Jarred Burke reported that Lincoln School was purchased from the District. The last School Board meeting of the current Board is coming up. A new Board president will be elected. The District is closing out the school year and there will be budget, staff and building restructuring.
12. **Adjournment:** Motion by Tepley, seconded by Burke, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Next meeting is Monday, May 16 at 4pm.

Minutes recorded by Lisa Rewald.