



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Community Room - Lester Public Library
1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Pennefeather called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **ROLL CALL**
Board Members Present: David Pennefeather, Ned Guyette, Shannon Derby, Don Weiss, Kathryn Gadd, Mary Glaser, Sharon Sleger, and Stanley Palmer. Absent and excused - Katie Stone. Also present: Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator, and Jeff Dawson, Director
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
4. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2024, meeting, made by Glaser, second made by Guyette. Voice vote carried unanimously.
5. **RECEIVE AND FILE EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**
Motion to receive and file the expenditure and financial reports from November, 2024, made by Weiss, second made by Palmer. Voice vote carried unanimously.
6. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**
Palmer distributed an article from the New York Times, “I Get Why Students No Longer Read,” and will bring back to the January meeting for further discussion. Gadd shared that a meeting at the Manitowoc Public Library was disrupted and wondered if our meeting room policy was up to date – Dawson will put the meeting room policy review on the agenda for January.
7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Dawson fielded questions and comments concerning his report.
8. **COMMUNICATIONS**
A. Library Newsletter – December 2024
9. **REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**
Christmas celebrations featured the first ever tree decorating contest, Lester Public Library took first place, there will be a full slate of events on Saturday – Cool City Christmas. A search firm was selected by Council to assist with filling the upcoming City Manager job opening.
10. **REPORT FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**
Christmas concert season is in high gear. Several organizations and individuals have donated funds to assist kids and families in need.
11. **REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE**
Passed Manitowoc County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. Passed the 2025 budget, after passing the County Executive vetoed: 3 positions in the Human Services Department and reduced borrowing for the Highway Department by \$700,000. Passed a resolution supporting increased State mental health funding.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Motion to approve the 2025 Library Budget made by Guyette, second made by Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously.

13. NEW BUSINESS – None

14. BOARD EDUCATION – None

15. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Derby, second made by Palmer. Voice vote carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Dawson, Director