

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: David Pennefeather, Sharon Sleger, Katie Stone, Ned Guyette, Mary Glaser, Don Weiss, Kathryn Gadd, and Stanley Palmer. Absent and Excused: Tracey Koach. Also present: Diane Johnson, Two Rivers School District (TRSD) District Administrator; Jennifer Henrickson, TRSD Board Vice President; Randy Williams, TRSD Board Clerk; Mary Kay Slattery, TRSD Finance Director; Adam Rohrer, TRSD Director of Maintenance & Operations; Kyle Korinek, TRSD Director of Learning & Instruction; Chad Bauknecht, Principal Magee Elementary; Tim Wester, Principal LB Clarke; Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator; Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator; and Jeff Dawson, Director.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Katie Stone introduced herself to everyone present and in turn everyone present introduced themselves to Katie.

5. INVITED GUEST

Diane Johnson, Two Rivers School District, District Administrator, and her staff, provided a follow-up visit from her April 12, 2022 presentation outlining needs for a possible referendum. A school district referendum will appear on the November 8 ballot asking for funds to significantly upgrade LB Clarke middle school and provide additional security measures across the school district.

6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting made by Guyette, second made by Pennefeather. Voice vote carried unanimously.

7. RECEIVE AND FILE EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to receive and file the expenditure and financial reports from August, 2022, made by Weiss, second made by Guyette. Voice vote carried unanimously.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Dawson read a message from Tom Van Horn, who recently moved to Idaho and resigned from the Board of Trustees, praising the library, board and his time on the board. Gadd praised Terry Ehle for going the extra mile in ordering requested books and the outstanding summer reading program and decorations. Discussion on an article, submitted by Guyette, that appeared in the September 11, 2022 edition of the New York Times Magazine entitled – 'How Book Bans Turned a Texas Town Upside Down.'

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Katie Stone shared her knowledge of the Lego Robotics team's display at the library.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Library eLinks July edition of the monthly online newsletter
- B. Thank you from Ginger Simel
- C. Thank you from Shelly Schmoller and family
- D. Letter from Diane Sterba
- E. Bob Fay's award-winning articles from the Herald Times Reporter

11. REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

80% of funding has been raised for the Central Park 360 project. Budget season for the City is here. New utilities bill format is being reviewed. Ethnic Fest is this weekend.

12. REPORT FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

First week of school went well. LB Clarke rolled out the red carpet to welcome students and faculty. COVID protocol is in place. Grandparents Day is September 23. Described a 'book tasting' project in the district.

13. REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

The Manitowoc County courthouse dome needs repair; the county is investigating options on repair or replacement. County jail has taken over preparing meals on wheels.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. COVID-19 Update provided by Dawson.

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. Collection Development Policy review, adding language concerning self-published materials. Will be brought back to the October meeting as possible action item.

16. BOARD EDUCATION - None

17. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Guyette, second made by Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Dawson