

Meeting of the
Menomonie Public Library Board of Trustees
April 15, 2021 @ 6:00

Via Zoom: a link to the recording of the meeting follows:

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Minutes:

1. Call to order: by Mandelson at 6:02 PM.
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Don Kuether, Lee Schwebs, Scott Flaschenriem, Dayle Mandelson, Sara Huhmann, Logan Mather, Darrin Witucki, Brian Seguin, John Grape, Arlene Ockwood, and Suzanne Gaines
 - b. Absent: Pat Hahn
 - c. Also present: Ted Stark, Director; Lisa Murray, Recording Secretary; Jodi Bird, Youth Services Manager; Debbie Nelson, Youth Services; and Joleen Sterk, Circulation Manager
3. Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law.
4. Welcome to new member Gaines
5. Approval of agenda: Ockwood made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Grape. APPROVED.
6. Public comments: None
7. Reading and approval of the March minutes: Flaschenriem moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Schwebs. APPROVED.
8. Bills & Payroll: Mather moved to approve the bills and payroll, seconded by Seguin. APPROVED.
9. Reports of the officers
 - a. Secretary's report: (Brian Seguin) None
 - b. Treasurer's report: (Sara Huhmann) None
 - c. President's report: (Dayle Mandelson) None
 - d. Director's report: (Ted Stark)
 - 1 Approximately 20 Amur maples' stumps were removed this week. They were in the median along the north side of our parking lot. Amurs are invasive and we had some complaints about them. We might consider seeding that area with grass seed.
 - 2 Our "Carriage porch," (porte cochere or overhang) was badly damaged by someone who tried to drive under it with his small bus, but got stuck. We had Heritage Builders give us an estimate to submit to insurance, and have already received the check for \$8575 towards the \$9900 estimate. It is likely that our insurance company will get the difference back from the driver's insurance. We have a \$1,000 deductible. Heritage assures us there are no safety issues at this time. General consensus to move ahead with the project. They told us it would be 6-8 weeks before they could work on our project.
 - 3 The Library Foundation has some new members: Helen Hullberg, Diana Kleven, Mike Kneer and Sheri Nero. Their next meeting is April 26th.
 - 4 We booked 5 bands for Music Over Menomin to perform on each of the Thursdays in July. If the Covid cases spike we may have to cancel them. **The City council will vote on approving these concerts soon.**
 - 5 Stark saw that Office Depot was laminating people's vaccination cards and thought we could provide that service for free if people were interested.
 - 6 The Dr. Seuss Foundation has decided to stop printing 6 different titles due to inappropriate pictures that depict different cultures in a negative way. We have recalled the items we own and most have been returned. **It is a unique opportunity for the collection development policy.** Under our current policy, several of the titles could be withdrawn due to low circulation. The books will be held in Jodi's office if anyone would be interested in viewing them. Seguin said the School District is having similar discussions about the books.

- 7 The Friends of the Library are discussing having a mini Pop-up book sale. It would be outside, weather permitting. We have started accepting book donations again.
10. New Business:
- a. Stark presented a quote from Bartingale: to replace our humidifier. We have replaced several parts but it is still not working. It is about 12 years old. Consensus to move ahead with the replacement.
 - b. An estimate by Heritage Builders: for repairing the damaged Covered Drive-through (carriage porch or “porte cochere”) was presented for \$9900. General consensus to accept the estimate and move ahead with repairs.
11. Old business:
- a. COVID-19: We opened on April 5th. Stark has been pleased with the number of patrons who follow our marks guidelines. There have been a few people who complain or remove the mask when they sit at a computer but the majority of people have been compliant. We have not yet reached our maximum capacity of 25 patrons in the building at one time. We are not having any indoor programs this summer. Dunn County spiked and is “in the red” per the Harvard site. KT Gallagher was consulted and she did not think we needed to close again as of yet.
 - b. Director’s Search: The Committee meets weekly on Wednesday nights.
 - 1 Witucki updated the group on the timeline of the search, which was emailed to the board. They are currently coordinating with the committee to determine the interview days & times, then will present those dates to the candidates. Stakeholders, including members from all three MPL boards, will be invited to listen to the candidates’ presentations via Zoom. We plan to do interviews between April 23-30.
 - 2 Depending on the timing of the interviews, we may suggest a special board meeting.
 - 3 No news on the tuck-pointing project. Cedar corp. is still working on the specs.
12. Agenda planning for next Board meeting:
- a. COVID-19: Update
 - b. Director’s Search Committee: Update
 - c. Tuck-pointing/Exterior facade project: Update
13. Other comments: None
14. Adjourned at 6:55 PM

Next Board Meeting: **May 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM Via Zoom**

Lisa Murray,
Recording Secretary

Date

Brian Seguin
Secretary

Date