

Meeting of the
Menomonie Public Library Board of Trustees
January 19, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
Via Zoom

Minutes:

1. Meeting recorded on Zoom by Sterk. A link to the recording follows:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/T8YFXndeNzOixTnpl7GzHYyQfKzpjMmTcZoH1bddrnmbfvecMoUN1XQp3nNiM7l.BojtU7hSkLEzSKa6> Passcode: b8t+^F.^
2. Call to order: by Witucki at 6:03 PM.
3. Roll Call:
 - Present: Scott Flaschenriem, Suzanne Gaines, John Grape, Sara Huhmann, Don Kuether, Logan Mather, Brian Seguin, Pat Hahn and Darrin Witucki
 - Absent: Jessica Graham, Dayle Mandelson, & Kelly McCullough
 - Also present: Joleen Sterk, Director; Jodi Bird, Public Services Manager; Lisa Murray, Recording Secretary; Tracey Sorenson, Communication Specialist & Chris Silewski, Ayres Associates
4. Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law.
5. Approval of agenda. Motion by Witucki to move 11a up on the agenda, to be 6b instead, seconded by Seguin. Motion by Huhmann, seconded by Mather to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.
6. Public comments
 - a. No public comments
 - b. Ayres Associates: Chris Silewski presented a packet with a master plan for an outdoor space, including several options. Additional meetings regarding this space will take place on January 26th, February 6th, 16th and 21st. Ayres will have information ready for the Vibrant Spaces grant, before their deadline of January 31st.
7. Reading and approval of the December 2022 minutes. Grape moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Hahn. MOTION CARRIED.
8. Approval of Bills & Payroll. Seguin moved to approve the January 2023 bills and payroll, seconded by Mather. MOTION CARRIED.
9. Reports of the officers
 - a. Secretary's report: (Logan Mather) None
 - b. Treasurer's report: (Suzanne Gaines) None
 - c. President's report: (Darrin Witucki) Witucki has been attending meetings regarding the outdoor space, and will attend the Library Foundation meeting on January 30th.
 - d. Director's report: (Joleen Sterk) Sterk's report was in your packets. Highlights include some continuing education grants which will allow staff to attend conferences this spring. She has been busy grant writing and gathering letters of support for our Vibrant Spaces Grant. She met with Bob Willow who has a large John Howe collection he may gift to the library, and a billboard we may potentially use as well. January 16th was our All-Staff Safety Training and

presentation by Menomonie Police Department's Chief Atkinson who explained Project Hope. Saturday staff has been cut from 2 at circulation to only 1, but this may be revisited due to having 82 patrons attending Saturday Stories and 40 attending Community Conversations.

10. Old business:
 - a. The Polasky estate was addressed in item 6b.
 - b. WI Economic Development Grant (Vibrant Spaces:) This proposal was approved by the City Council on 12-19-22.
 - c. The Facilities and Capital Planning Committee reviewed Geoff Child's expansion plans recently.
11. New Business:
 - a. J. Graham's ideas to save the library money with staffing: Graham emailed out her thoughts but could not attend this meeting. Sterk asked that we discuss this again next month.
12. Agenda planning for next Board meeting:
 - a. Ayres Associates: (Chris Silewski)
 - b. WEDC grant
 - c. Polasky estate: Update
 - d. Graham's ideas on saving the library money with staffing
 - e. Annual Report 2022
 - f. ACT 150
 - g. 20 year revenue report (Sterk)
13. Other business: None
14. Adjourned at 7:05 PM

Next Board Meeting: February 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Lisa Murray,
Recording Secretary

Date

Logan Mather
Secretary

Date