

LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:00 PM
Via Zoom Meeting

Call to Order –President Ned Guyette called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call – Members Present: Sharon Sleger, Stanley Palmer, Kirsten Sleger, John Casavant, Rick Hendrickson, Ned Guyette, and Larry Thomas. Absent and excused Tom Van Horn and David Pennefeather. Also present: Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator and Jeff Dawson, Director.

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes of July 14, 2020 meeting, made by Palmer, second made by Thomas. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Expenditures & Financial Reports – Motion to receive and file the July, 2020 financial reports, made by Thomas, second made by Sharon Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Board Member Comment – Sharon Sleger regularly takes advantage of the benches outside the library and our curbside services, she notes staff is always friendly and efficient.

Director’s Report – Dawson shared data relating to summer youth programming and reminded the Board of the Library Trail and Bench dedication and renaming to the Patrick Gagnon Trail will take place Sunday, August 16, 2020.

Communications - None

Report from City Council Representative – Cobblestone Hotel is complete and open for business. The Culver’s project was canceled.

Report from School District Representative – Administration is fine tuning the return to school plan that currently is a combination of in-person and online learning and cleaning protocols.

Report from County Representative – Not much to report from the County. A World War I Memorial Drive plaque is nearing completion, we are 8 to 12 weeks from a dedication.

Unfinished Business

- A. COVID-19 Strategies – there was consensus to keep the building closed through this period of coronavirus resurgence in Wisconsin. There is no need to put library patrons and library staff at risk.
- B. Strategic Plan Review - Dawson shared updates to the strategic plan including funding for the 3 main components of the carpeting project have been secured.

New Business

- A. Library Policy Review – Collection Development – this is for review as library staff feel the policy remains strong. We will bring the policy to the September meeting for final review and vote.
- B. Motion to allow part-time staff a one-time benefit to carry over unused vacation hours from 2020 to 2021 due to the pandemic, made by Thomas, second made by Henrickson. Voice vote carried unanimously.
- C. Motion to keep the library fine-free throughout the pandemic, made by Kirsten Sleger, second made by Henrickson. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Board Education – None

Closed Executive Session – None

Our next meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Lester Public Library.

Motion to adjourn made by Thomas, second made by Kirsten Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Dawson, Director