

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021, @ 6:30 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM



PRESENT: Ken Axe; Trish Gates, Stoughton Area School District Representative; Amy Ketterer, President; Jean Ligocki, City Council Representative; Sharon Meilahn Bartlett; Erin Meinholz, Vice-President; Kylie Nelson, Student Representative; Dayna Verstegen; Mike Vienneau

ABSENT: Scott Dirks

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Ramsey, Library Director; Sarah Monette, Administrative Assistant

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 P.M. BY PRESIDENT AMY KETTERER
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA
- III. CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO APPROVE: Vienneau SECOND: Gates VOTE: 8-0
- IV. RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES Ketterer recognized Ramsey as one of the two recipients of WLA's Volunteer of the Year award
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD None
- VI. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE Ramsey shared an email from a parent who was pleased with the Teen Bowling program organized on December 7 at Viking Lanes.
- VII. EDUCATION UPDATES
Meilahn Bartlett shared a story about a library book returned after 100 years.
- VIII. BOARD IN-SERVICE: none.
- IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - A. Statistics
Ramsey presented the statistics.
 - B. Administration Report
Ramsey presented. He discussed the resolution of a Sunday hours compensation issue. The Library will be updating its security procedures in 2022, and Ramsey plans to collaborate with the Security Manager of the Milwaukee Public Library to do this most effectively. The Library is buying Kanopy streaming service. Verstegen noted that this is something the Friends might be interested in funding.
- X. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Finance: did not meet
 - B. Personnel: did not meet
 - C. Planning: met on 11/16, the night before the November Board meeting. Committee chair Mike Vienneau stated that the committee's work had already been reported at that meeting. Meilahn Bartlett reminded committee members that she would like feedback on questions for the Board self-evaluation as soon as possible.
 - D. Policies: did not meet
- XI. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: Verstegen was having technical difficulties and had left the meeting.
- XII. OLD BUSINESS: none
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF DECEMBER
MOTION TO AUTHORIZE: Meinholz SECOND: Axe VOTE: 7-0

B. DISCUSSION OF USE OF CONSENT AGENDA FORMAT FOR FUTURE
MEETINGS. Axe expressed approval.

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING IN-PERSON vs.
VIRTUAL MEETINGS IN 2022

MOTION TO MAKE THE FEBRUARY MEETING HYBRID: Ketterer SECOND
Axe

DISCUSSION: Axe explained his preference for meetings to be in person as much as possible. Ramsey discussed the technological difficulties of running a hybrid meeting. Gates suggested using the School Board meeting room and said she would reach out to Paul Vande Hei. Meinholz mentioned that it is a struggle for her and other soft-voiced people to be heard in hybrid meetings. Axe suggested using the Council Chambers. Ramsey said he would reach out to City IT staff to investigate. Meilahn Bartlett noted that there is a captioning capability on Zoom.

VOTE: 7-0

XIV. PENDING AGENDA ITEMS

A. OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH AS CITY/LIBRARY HOLIDAY

XV. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:23 PM

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Axe SECOND: Gates VOTE: 7-0

Minutes taken by Sarah Monette