

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, @ 6:30 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM



PRESENT: Ken Axe, Scott Dirks; Trish Gates, Stoughton Area School District Representative; Jean Ligocki, City Council Representative; Sharon Meilahn Bartlett; Erin Meinholz, Vice-President; Kylie Nelson, Student Representative  
ABSENT: Amy Ketterer, President; Dayna Verstegen; Mike Vienneau  
ALSO PRESENT: Jim Ramsey, Library Director; Sarah Monette, Administrative Assistant

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 P.M. BY VICE-PRESIDENT ERIN MEINHOLZ
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA
- III. CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION TO APPROVE: Dirks SECOND: Gates VOTE: 6-0
- IV. RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
- VI. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE Ramsey shared a letter from Congressman Mark Pocan to Lily Wetzel about her art exhibit at the Library; a thank you from Careerscape for letting them use our space; and praise for Amy Hynek's scam exhibit.
- VII. EDUCATION UPDATES Meilahn-Bartlett shared an article about the librarians of Ukraine
- VIII. BOARD IN-SERVICE: Ramsey presented his plan and preliminary budget for an outdoor programming space at 216 East Jefferson Street.
- IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
  - A. Statistics: Ramsey presented the statistics.
  - B. Administration Report: Ramsey presented, mentioning specifically the Lions Club's plastic bag recycling program which is using the Library as one of its drop off points.
- X. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Finance: Meinholz reported that the Finance Committee recommends using the remaining renovation money and a portion of the fund balance for a refurbishment of the Children's Area.
  - B. Personnel: did not meet
  - C. Planning: Meilahn Bartlett reported that the Planning Committee has finalized the Board self-evaluation and provided instructions for completing it.
  - D. Policies: did not meet.
- XI. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT: Verstegen was not present
- XII. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. STATUS UPDATE/REPORT ON NEW TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT. Ramsey said he has received many applications.
  - B. STATUS UPDATE/REPORT ON STUDENT TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT. Ramsey reported that there are no applications yet.
  - C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FORMAT OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS.  
MOTION TO MEET IN PERSON: Dirks SECOND: Axe

Ramsey has reserved the Fire Station Training Room, which has some hybrid capabilities.

VOTE: 5-0 with Ligocki abstaining

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUTHORIZATION FOR SCLS TO BILL ADJACENT COUNTIES FOR LIBRARY SERVICE

MOTION TO BILL GREEN, JEFFERSON, ROCK: Axe SECOND: Dirks

Ramsey's opinion was that the Library should bill all adjacent counties except Iowa.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO BILL ALL ADJACENT COUNTIES EXCEPT

IOWA: Dirks SECOND: Ligocki VOTE: 6-0

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: 6-0

B. INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE 2022 BOARD SELF-EVALUATION: Dealt with under X.C

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF UNSPENT RENOVATION GIFT FUNDS AND OPERATING FUND BALANCE TO CHILDREN'S AREA PROJECT

Ramsey presented the project, with a budget of up to \$56,220.

MOTION TO APPROVE PROJECT AS PRESENTED: Dirks SECOND: Axe

VOTE: 6-0.

D. DISCUSSION OF THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR 2022 BOARD OFFICERS

*[Ramsey had technical difficulties between 7:48 and 7:57]*

*[Ligocki left at 7:56 and returned at 7:59]*

E. AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND UNDESIGNATED GIFT FUNDS FOR SUPPLIES FOR CHAMBER COMMUNITY EXPO ON APRIL 21

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE USE OF UP TO \$300: Dirks SECOND: Gates

Ligocki asked if there was any Libraries Transform swag remaining.

VOTE: 6-0

XIV. PENDING AGENDA ITEMS

A. OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH AS CITY/LIBRARY HOLIDAY

XV. ADJOURNMENT AT 8:07 PM

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Dirks SECOND: Meilahn-Bartlett VOTE: 6-0

Minutes taken by Sarah Monette