

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024, @ 6:30 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING IN CARNEGIE ROOM
& VIA ZOOM



PRESENT: Ken Axe; Amy Ketterer; Lora Klitzke; Teri LeSage, President; Jean Ligocki, Vice-President/City Council Representative (virtual); Erin Meinholz; Kristin Rosenberg, Stoughton Area School District Representative; Siri Vienneau, Student Trustee
ABSENT: Sharon Meilahn Bartlett, Dayna Verstegen
ALSO PRESENT: Jim Ramsey, Library Director; Sarah Monette, Administrative Assistant; Lesley Johnson, Friends of the Library President; Dave Ehlinger, City of Stoughton Finance Director

- I. CALL TO ORDER. 6:32 P.M. by President Teri LeSage
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA & CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW. LeSage moved the Friends of the Library Report and the Board In-Service up the agenda.
- III. CONSENT AGENDA. *Motion to approve:* Ketterer. *Second:* Meinholz. *Vote:* 7-0.

[Vienneau arrived at 6:34 P.M.]

- IV. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT. Johnson reported that the Friends mini-golf event had 183 participants and netted \$8,000. Their next fundraiser is April 23rd, when Deak's will be donating 10% of all food sales to the Friends. The Friends have six new members on their Board of Directors. They are planning how to celebrate their 40th anniversary and will be launching their own website in June.

[Johnson left at 6:40 P.M.]

- V. RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES. This is Ketterer's last meeting. Ramsey presented her with flowers from the Board.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. n/a
- VII. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE. Ramsey shared an email praising Cynthia Schlegel for her teen programming and thank-you letters to Mary Ostrander from the kindergartners of Sandhill Elementary for a tour of the Library.

[Ehlinger arrived at 6:45 P.M.]

- VIII. BOARD IN-SERVICE. Ehlinger spoke briefly about Library finances.

[Ehlinger left at 7:00 P.M.]

- IX. EDUCATION UPDATES. LeSage spoke about an article about curriculum restrictions expanding to school and public libraries.

[Vienneau left at 7:05 P.M.]

- X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Ramsey presented. In addition to his written report, he updated the Board on the HVAC system replacement process.
- XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. Finance: did not meet
 - B. Personnel: did not meet
 - C. Planning: discussed the Board Self-Evaluation survey
 - D. Policies: did not meet
- XII. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Update on planning for June Pride event. Ligocki described the ongoing planning process.
 - B. Recommendation for appointment of new trustee by ad hoc Trustee Nominating Committee. Motion to recommend Trista Richards: Rosenberg. *Second*: Klitzke. Vote: 7-0.
 - C. Progress report from ad hoc Student Trustee Recruitment Committee. Ramsey reported that they received three applications and will be meeting on the 18th to discuss them.
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS.
- A. Presentation of results of Board Self-Assessment by Planning Committee. Ligocki went over the results. There was a discussion about definitions of diversity.

[Axe left at 7:28 P.M.]

- B. Review of 2024 Capital Improvement Projects and discussion of 2025 projects. Ramsey presented.
 - C. Discussion of 2024-2025 Board officer nominations. Nominations will happen at the May meeting.
- XIV. PENDING AGENDA ITEMS.
- A. Discussion of library closures on federal holidays not currently designated as paid holidays by the City of Stoughton: Presidents' Day, Juneteenth, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Veterans Day.
 - B. Reminder for standing committees to review, and possibly report on, their progress toward the 2024 Board Goals throughout the year.
- XV. ADJOURNMENT. *Motion to adjourn at 7:53 P.M.*: Ketterer. *Second*: Rosenberg. Vote: 6-0.

Minutes taken by Sarah Monette.