

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024, @ 6:30 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING IN CARNEGIE ROOM
& VIA ZOOM



PRESENT: Ken Axe; Lora Klitzke, President; Teri LeSage; Sharon Meilahn Bartlett, Vice-President (virtual); Erin Meinholz; Trista Richards; Katie Roberts (virtual); Mande Shecterle, Stoughton Area School District Representative; Siri Vienneau, Student Trustee
ABSENT: Jean Ligocki, City Council Representative
ALSO PRESENT: Jim Ramsey, Library Director; Sarah Monette, Administrative Assistant\

- I. CALL TO ORDER. 6:30 P.M. by President Lora Klitzke
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA & CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW.
- III. CONSENT AGENDA. *Motion to approve:* Meinholz. *Second:* LeSage. *Vote:* 8-0.
- IV. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT. n/a
- V. RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES. n/a
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. n/a
- VII. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE. Ramsey shared a letter written to Library Assistant Cynthia Schlegel by a teen patron, thanking her for everything she does for Stoughton area teens; he also shared an email from a patron working in the Library's local history resources, praising Library volunteers Eloise Christensen and Lesley Johnson for their assistance.

[Vienneau arrived 6:33 p.m.]

- VIII. EDUCATION UPDATES. Meinholz shared an NPR article about New Jersey passing a ban on book bans; Roberts shared a *Chronicle of Higher Education* article about Western Illinois University's decision to terminate all of their professional librarians; Meilahn Bartlett shared the news that the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has received \$300 million from Microsoft to promote the use of AI in manufacturing and business.
- IX. BOARD IN-SERVICE: "Trustee Tale: A Beginner's Guide to Library Legislative Day." Ramsey presented.
- X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT. In addition to his written report Ramsey informed the Board that he will be out of the office from December 23 to January 5.
- XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS.
 - A. Finance: did not meet.
 - B. Personnel: did not meet.
 - C. Planning: did not meet.
 - D. Policies: did not meet
- XII. OLD BUSINESS. n/a
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. Authorization to pay late December bills, *Motion to approve:* Axe. *Second:* Richards. *Vote:* 8-0.

- B. Discussion ofr 2024 Library Board Goals and process for setting 2025 Goals. Ramsey reported that all four committees agreed to carry over their 2024 goals to 2025. The Planning Committee wants to reword their goal to be careful about giving themselves reporting obligations for parts of the strategic plan that the committee is not itself involved in. They also want to add a goal of documenting Library programming. The Finance Committee, in addition to carrying over their 2024 goal, wants to examine the Library's monetary support for DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion).
- XIV. PENDING AGENDA ITEMS.
 - A. Reminder for standing committees to review, and possibly report on, their progress toward the 2024 Board Goals throughout the year.
 - B. Discussion of additional funding sources for library programming and operations.
- XV. ADJOURNMENT. *Motion to adjourn at 7:11 P.M.:* Richards. *Second:* LeSage. *Vote:* 8-0.

Minutes taken by Sarah Monette.