



Waseca-Le Sueur Regional Library Board Meeting Minutes

October 14th, 2024 | Janesville Public Library

Present: Louise Lund, De Malterer, Brian Schanil, Bette Traxler, Cheri Lewer, Patrick Tebbe, Zella Vandervort

Absent: John King

Others: Stacy Lienemann (Director), Afton Finley (Staff).

I. Call to order: The Library Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by President Bette Traxler at 6:30 pm.

II. Additions to the Agenda:

- Lienemann under new business, add Waseca Chairs and City of Waseca Lease.
- Motion by Lund and second by Schanil to approve the agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of the September meeting minutes:

- Under Investment, it says revolution not resolution.
- Motion by Malterer and second by Lewer to approve the September amended meeting minutes. Approved.

IV. Approval of October bills:

- Motion by Malterer second by Lund to approve the October bills. Approved.
- Voted for Louise Lund, De Malterer, Brian Schanil, Bette Traxler, Cheri Lewer

V. Circulation, Activities, and Events Report:

- See the circulation and activities report.

VI. Old Business:

A. Investments

- a. All payments are going through FM Bank. The accountant will be getting a list of the checks that have not been cleared from Minnwest Bank.

VII. New Business:

A. Montgomery Copier/Waseca Chairs

- a. Parts are no longer being made for the copier in Montgomery. The Montgomery Foundation is willing to pay for a new copier.
- b. The chairs for the Waseca Library will be paid for by a variety of donations.
- c. Motion by Schanil and second Vandervort to approve the purchase of the Montgomery copier and Waseca Chairs. Approved.
- d. Discussion of the fabric of the chairs.

B. Romp 100 Challenge (amended 11.19)

- a. This fund was funded with the goal of 100 people finishing it, but we are seeing larger numbers participating than anticipated. Several daycares and classrooms are participating. Lienemann is pursuing other grants to purchase the prizes.

C. Budget Updates

- a. TdS had over 200,000 dollars that were not spent due to not having a director. They are going to put money towards the translation of documents, and outdated nonfiction projects, (WLS is getting around \$17,000 to update our nonfiction, so we will be able to double our nonfiction budget). There will be more money allocated to our processing team, we will be skipping the Well Loved Book List. The last thing they will be doing is

staff training including reader advisory, compassionate training, and advocacy training. The advocacy training will be open to board members and Friends of the Library. All Circulation staff will benefit from all the training.

- b. Traxler asked Lienamenn to follow up with the TdS director about using the Nonfiction money to pay for staff time.

D. Staff Training

- a. Lienamnn provided a breakdown for travel and training. Most of it is used for milage. Traxler would like is look into a task force for training system-wide, Traxler would like someone from the Budget and Personal training. Lewer and Malterer will help with the task force. Traxler would like Lienemann to survey the staff for input. She would like this done before the next meeting.
- b. Background checks and job ads are under travel and training because there isn't a personal budget line.

E. Library Board Meeting Times

- a. Last month it was discussed to change the meeting times. There would need to be a policy change. There was an agreement to change the meeting time to 5 pm.

F. The City of Waseca Lease

- a. The agreement clarifies we are leasing the old art center part of the building. Lienemann is concerned about the lease protecting the rest of the library. Malterer suggested we renew the joint power agreements with all of the cities with the same agreement.
- b. Motion by Malterer and second Lewer to approve the Lease agreement with the City of Waseca. Approved.
- c. Discussion of the current condition of the space.

VIII. TdS Report

- Nothing new to report. The new app will be called TdS On the Go.

IX. Director's Report

- See the Director's Report.
- There are 1,400 people interested in the Abby Jiimenez event with over 300 saying they are going.

X. Board Comments and Questions

- Vandervout said that the Waterville FOL has approved the purchase of Tonie boxes and tonies.

XI. Next Month's Meeting Location

- Next month's meeting is on November 18th at New Richland Public Library.

XII. Adjournment

- Traxler adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.