

T. B. Scott Free Library · Board of Trustees
Minutes of the regular meeting, July 21st, 2021

Opening

President Mike Geisler called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Present: Darcy Dalsky, Richard Mamer, Jim Wedemeyer, Audrey Huftel, Tim Meehean, and Paul Gilk. Excused: Katie Breitenmoser. Also present: Jessica Zellers, Laurie Ollhoff, Ryan Martinovici, and camera operator.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Hanging Flower Basket Committee and the Merrill Chamber Foundation that thanked library staff for their recent donation. There was no public comment.

Consent items

T. Meehean/J. Wedemeyer/C to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2021.

R. Mamer/D. Dalsky/C to accept the monthly Revenue and Expense Report for June.

Reports/discussion items/action items

- A. Update on COVID-19 building closure, curbside pickup, and reopening.** More limited hours than normal (9:30-8). Summer is slower. Traffic not back to normal. Reopen till 7? For August meeting, fine-tune the hours. But whatever we choose next month should be provisional, due to monitoring status of Covid.
- B. 2021 mid-year endowment fund report.** R. Mamer presented the mid-year endowment fund report. P. Gilk/J. Wedermeyer/C to approve the mid-year endowment fund report. P. Gilk floated the idea of diversifying the library's investments, especially in social investments, e.g., green and renewable energies. We will discuss it in a future meeting.
- C. 2022 preliminary budget worksheet.** J. Zellers presented a preliminary budget for 2022. It is identical to the 2021 budget, apart from an increase in personnel. T. Meehean/A. Huftel/C to approve.
- D. Strategic Plan Progress: Goal #5.** J. Zellers provided updates to Goal #5.
- E. Wisconsin Trustee Essential #9: Managing the Library's Money.** J. Zellers provided copies of Trustee Essential #9.
- F. Reports from Friends and WVLS Representative.** The Friends hope to host an in-person sale in October. If Covid prevents that, J. Zellers will recommend alternatives, since books designated for sale are taking up a great deal of room in the library.

Forthcoming events & director's report

- The front door is working.
- We hope to announce a new Head of Youth Services the week of July 26.
- Emergency training, to include active shooter training, will become a routine part of staff development.

President's remarks

- Gene Bebel does not want a gathering or a party. M. Geisler and J. Zellers will investigate suitable alternatives to honor his 29 years of service.
- M. Geisler briefly introduced Ryan Martinovici, who will succeed Gene Bebel as the MAPS representative, starting with next month's Board meeting.

Adjournment

T. Meehean/D. Dalsky/C moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on August 18th, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Jessica Zellers, Secretary