

T. B. Scott Free Library · Board of Trustees
Minutes of the regular meeting, June 16th, 2021

Opening

Vice President Tim Meehan called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Present: Katie Breitenmoser, Darcy Dalsky, Paul Gilk, Richard Mamer, Tim Meehan, and Jim Wedemeyer. Excused: Mike Geisler and Audrey Huftel. Not present: Gene Bebel. Also present: Jessica Zellers, Laurie Ollhoff, and camera operator.

The Board reviewed two items: a thank-you note from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Lincoln County for the Board's contribution of \$4,000 and a patron Facebook comment praising the library's family activity bag. There was no public comment.

Consent items

R. Mamer/D. Dalsky/C to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2021.
K. Breitenmoser/J. Wedemeyer/C to accept the monthly Revenue and Expense Report for May.

Reports/discussion items/action items

- A. Update on COVID-19 building closure, curbside pickup, and reopening.** In keeping with the mask policy of the City and the schools, the likely direction of the County, and two consecutive weeks of Covid low activity level in Lincoln County, the Board modified the mask policy: "Effective immediately, vaccinated patrons will no longer be required to wear a mask," R. Mamer/P. Gilk/C. People who are not patrons, notably staff, will still be required to wear masks. The Board will revisit this and other Covid issues each month for as long as necessary. J. Zellers will investigate worker's comp insurance benefits in the event an employee contracts Covid at work.
- B. Strategic Plan Progress: Goal #4.** J. Zellers provided updates to Goal #4.
- C. Wisconsin Trustee Essential #8:** Developing the Library Budget. J. Zellers provided copies of Trustee Essential #8.
- D. Reports from Friends and WVLS Representative.** The Friends have earned over \$200 from the Bag of Books sale, which will continue indefinitely. They voted to put the money toward the purchase of a metal detector for the Library of Things. In WVLS, there has been a change of leadership at Marathon County Public Library. It is unclear if this will affect their bid to withdraw from WVLS.

Forthcoming events & director's report

- Youth Services gave out all 50 Family Activity Bags, including crafts and activities that encourage children and caregivers to spend time together.
- Tales & Cocktails @ Sutton's Wine Bar will be on Wednesday, June 23rd, 7-8 pm, featuring poetry readings and book talks.
- The Merrill Police Department has agreed to assist with building security after hours, since the Director, Assistant Director, and Head of Youth Services all live in Wausau.
- The main doors, purchased two years ago, are getting increasingly difficult to lock. A locksmith has been out repeatedly. Nick Wszalek will explore options with the warranty. He is also looking into keyless entry.
- Carolyn Forde, Head of Youth Services, will be leaving on August 31st. The search for her successor is underway.

- Trustee Training Week is August 23-27.

Other

- P. Gilk shared two handbooks about local wood and wood conservation. These will be available for patrons to peruse in the library.
- Board member Gene Bebel has unofficially tendered his resignation.

Adjournment

T. Meehan/J. Wedermeyer/C moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on July 21st, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Jessica Zellers, Secretary