

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023, @ 6:30 P.M.  
HYBRID MEETING IN CARNEGIE ROOM  
& VIA ZOOM



PRESENT: Ken Axe; Elise Balzer (virtual); Teri LeSage; Jean Ligocki, City Council Representative; Amy Ketterer, President; Sharon Meilahn Bartlett; Erin Meinholz, Vice-President; Kristin Rosenberg, Stoughton Area School District Representative (virtual); Dayna Verstegen

ABSENT: Siri Vienneau, Student Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Ramsey, Library Director; Sarah Monette, Administrative Assistant; Lesley Johnson, Friends of the Library President (virtual); Dave Ehlinger, City of Stoughton Finance Director (virtual)

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Library Board President Amy Ketterer
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA. Ketterer moved item VIII and XI to immediately follow item III.
- III. CONSENT AGENDA *Motion to approve: Verstegen Second: Meinholz Vote: 9-0*
- IV. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT FROM FRIENDS BOARD PRESIDENT LESLEY JOHNSON. Johnson shared the calendar of upcoming Friends events.
- V. BOARD IN-SERVICE: PRESENTATION BY CITY OF STOUGHTON FINANCE DIRECTOR DAVE EHLINGER. Ehlinger went over the Library's 2022 financial records.
- VI. RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES. Ramsey and the Board discussed the handwritten thank you cards trustees had written to library staff.
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. No public comments.
- VIII. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE. Ramsey shared a letter of praise for Cynthia Schlegel's after hours teen program and thank-you letters from the kindergarteners at Sandhill Elementary.
- IX. EDUCATION UPDATES. Meilahn Bartlett shared an updated on World Day for Cultural Diversity and an *Atlantic* article about librarians and book challenges; Balzer shared an NBC article about libraries in Texas.
- X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT. In addition to his written report, Ramsey informed the board that Jane Groshan is retiring after 23 years with the Library.
- XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Finance: did not meet.
  - B. Personnel: did not meet.
  - C. Planning: Ramsey reported that the Strategic Plan will be on the Board agenda next month.
  - D. Policies: did not meet.
- XII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. UPDATE FROM AD HOC STUDENT TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE. After discussion it was agreed not to accept the late application and to appoint Siri Vienneau as Student Trustee for 2023-24.
  - B. DISCUSSION OF 2023-2024 BOARD OFFICER NOMINATIONS TO BE MADE NEXT MONTH. Ketterer encouraged Board members to volunteer.
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS.
  - A. REVIEW OF 2022 BUDGET, INCLUDING CHILDREN'S AREA REMODEL PROJECT. See item V above. Ramsey reported that the Children's Area remodel is almost complete, except for the art installation to go over the service desk.
  - B. DISCUSSION OF 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. Ramsey went over the projected spending for 2023 and 2024, especially the replacement of the HVAC system.
- XIV. PENDING AGENDA ITEMS. Library Gift Fund (217) Fund Balance
- XV. ADJOURNMENT. *Motion to adjourn at 8:13 P.M.: Meinholz Second: LeSage Vote: 9-0.*

Minutes taken by Sarah Monette