

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023, @ 6:30 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING IN CARNEGIE ROOM
& VIA ZOOM



PRESENT: Ken Axe; Amy Ketterer (virtual); Jean Ligocki, Vice-President/City Council Representative; Sharon Meilahn Bartlett; Erin Meinholz; Kristin Rosenberg, Stoughton Area School District Representative; Dayna Verstegen (virtual); Siri Vienneau, Student Trustee (virtual)

ABSENT: Teri LeSage, President

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Ramsey, Library Director (virtual); Amanda Bosky, Adult Services Librarian; Sarah Monette, Administrative Assistant

- I. CALL TO ORDER. 6:31 p.m. by Vice-President Jean Ligocki
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA & CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW.
- III. CONSENT AGENDA. *Motion to approve:* Meinholz. *Second:* Meilahn Bartlett. *Vote:* 6-0
- IV. RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES. Ligocki praised the Library's Pride event, especially the work done by Mary Ostrander, Cynthia Schlegel, and the Friends of the Library.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. None.
- VI. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE. Ramsey shared emails he received about the Pride event.

[Axe arrived 6:34 P.M.]

- VII. EDUCATION UPDATES. Meilahn Bartlett reported that the library in Rockton, Illinois, is doing a Pride event and has responded to pushback by asking people who support the event to attend an upcoming Board meeting. Meilahn Bartlett also reported that Illinois has passed a law banning book bans. Ketterer described her visit to the library in Oak Park, Illinois.
- VIII. BOARD IN-SERVICE. THE STATE OF AMERICA'S LIBRARIES 2023, A REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. Ramsey presented. Discussion ensued regarding the nationwide increase in challenges to library materials.
- IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT. In addition to his written report, Ramsey provided an update on the 216 E. Jefferson project and thanked the Board for supporting the Library's Pride event. Meilahn Bartlett thanked Ramsey and Ostrander for their work at the Juneteenth event.
- X. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Finance: did not meet.
 - B. Personnel: Ramsey reported that the committee received an update on the creation of two part-time positions from Jane Groshan's full-time position and the Library's personnel requests for 2024 (ten more hours for the Circulation Director, another part-time position in Adult Services).

- C. Planning: did not meet.
- D. Policies: Meinholz reported that the committee reviewed the three policies up for approval under New Business.
- XI. OLD BUSINESS. None.
- XII. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEES. Ligocki tabled this item until the July meeting.
 - B. APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE TO FILL BOARD VACANCY. Versteegen, Ketterer, and Rosenberg volunteered to be on the committee.
 - C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSAL TO CREATE TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS OUT OF AN EXISTING FULL-TIME POSITION. Ramsey explained that there would be one 20 hr/week position in Circulation and one 20 hr/week position in Children's (hopefully going up to 22 hrs/week). *Motion to approve: Axe. Second: Meilahn Bartlett. Vote: 7-0.*
 - D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO APPROPRIATE LIBRARY BEHAVIOR POLICY. *Motion to approve: Meinholz. Second: Meilahn Bartlett.*
Motion to include approval of the Carnegie Room Use Policy and the Second Floor Meeting Rooms Policy on this vote: Meilahn Bartlett. Second: Versteegen. Vote: 7-0.
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- XIII. PENDING AGENDA ITEMS. Future designation of Library Gift Fund (217) Fund Balance
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT. *Motion to adjourn at 7:29 P.M.: Meilahn Bartlett. Second: Rosenberg. Vote: 7-0.*

Minutes taken by Sarah Monette