



# beloit public library

Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call – President Samantha Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. Members present: Samantha Johnson, John Watrous, Martin Densch, Sandra Kincaid, David Sowl, Maribeth Miller, Diane Lichtenstein, Shelly Cronin. Members Absent: Angela Moore. Also present: Library Director Nick Dimassis, and Roger Dutcher, Head of Technical Services.
2. Approval of the consent agenda – David Sowl moved to approve the March 15, 2017 Library Board minutes. John Watrous seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0).**
3. Public comment – None
4. Stateline Literacy Council – Jasmine Carbajal thanked the board for allowing the SLC to move into the building. She invited the board and staff to their first movie night, showing “Stand and Deliver” May 3, 2017 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM.
5. Duffy Scholar Report – Lynn Qian is one of our Duffy Scholars from Beloit College. The Duffy program provides an opportunity for students to be involved in the community and provide them and the organization they are in to benefit from each other. Lynn Qian developed a survey of users and reported on the results. She hopes that there will be a way to develop and implement a non-user survey.
6. Blender Café – Angela Sanchez introduced Edward Hernandez recently hired to be the Assistant Café Manager. Angela reported the Kerry account is set up, they have the POS (Point of Sale) system ready to go, a menu is finalized. They will have Collectivo coffee and some will go to Milwaukee to see how the coffee is processed and brewed. Training of students in the POS will be starting. William Geisler, project manager, from Klobucar reported that tile work is completed and flooring would begin soon. He said it was a pleasure to work with the library on this project. The project is a little ahead of schedule.
7. Best Beloit Model – Nicole Ballok representing the Best Beloit Model committee reported on the progress they have made thus far. An all staff workshop on barriers to access and what keeps us from being a great library. They have visited three libraries to assess their service model. They are preparing a survey, which will be in-house, as well as out in the community, to find out what our community wants from the library. WiLS (Wisconsin Library Services) is facilitating the process.

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8. Library Director Report – Nick Dimassis noted that the speakers were in lieu of his verbal report, and referred the board to his written report.
  
9. Reports –
  - a. Foundation – No meeting.
  - b. FABL – No meeting. The FABL annual meeting is May 16. The Board is invited.
  - c. Arrowhead Library System (ALS) – Maribeth Miller reported that the ALS marketing person, due to the retirement of Martha Gammons, has been filled.
  - d. Budget Committee – No report.
  - e. Strategic Plan Committee – No report.
  - f. Personnel Committee – Included in the packet is a new organizational chart. There were a few questions of who would be replaced and where the money saved will be going. Nick reported it would offset the budget deficit, and some positions were being evaluated.
  
10. Action Items:
  - a. Monthly financial report and approval of Library bills – The board inquired why the cleaning bill was higher in the current bills. Nick said he would check. The board requested the Blender bills be separated from the other bills. Shelly Cronin moved to approve the payment of the bills for the April 18, 2017 warrants. Maribeth Miller seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0).**
  
11. Trustee Comments – Board expressed praise for AudioCon and the quality of its speakers. Also asked if we would feel the proposed cuts in the Federal Budget to libraries. The cuts would affect LSTA grant money which is given to library systems, so we would feel it indirectly. Nick expressed that these cuts have been proposed before and have been restored in the budget process—but anything is possible.
  
12. Motion to adjourn – Diane Lichtenstein moved to adjourn the meeting. John Watrous seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Submitted by:  
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