



beloit public library

Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call – President Maribeth Miller called the meeting to order at 4:05PM. Members present: Maribeth Miller, David Sowl, Betty Magnus, Florence Haley, Rachelle Elliott, Angela Moore, and Mark Preuschl (4:07 PM). Members Absent: Diane Lichtenstein and Amanda Isunza (non-voting). Also present: Library Director Nick Dimassis and Library Leadership Team – Jennifer Laatz, Michael DeVries, Amy Mitchell and Katharine Clark.
2. Approval of the August 21, 2019 Library Board minutes – Florence Haley moved to approve the August 21, 2019 Library Board minutes as presented. David Sowl seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (6-0).**
3. Public Comment – None.
4. Reports:
 - a. Library Director and BPL Activity Report - Nick Dimassis prepared a written report. In addition to the written report, Nick reported on the following:
 - We continue to work on aspects of the capital campaign. We are gathering information, talking to the architect, working on visuals and putting a packet together.
 - b. Arrowhead Library System – Maribeth Miller reported that ALS is still waiting for approval of the 2020 budget at the Rock County level. Clinton Public Library has an opportunity to move to a new location. Hedberg Public Library has a branch in the Janesville Mall now.
 - c. Beloit Public Library Foundation – David Sowl and Florence Haley reported that the library requested the refurbishment of the furniture. The board did not take any action at this time and developed a committee to evaluate the chairs and then come back to the Foundation to give a report. The board also approved to move the brokerage account from BMO Harris Bank to being managed by the Foundation board members through a Vanguard Fund. Next meeting is October 9, 2019.
 - d. Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) – Rachelle Elliott and Betty Magnus reported that the group makes \$30,000 in sales from the lobby book sales and \$2,000 from the warehouse sales. They are discussing how to continue the warehouse type sales not that that space is no longer available. Discussions around the tree and a dedication ceremony continue. Next meeting is November 13, 2019.

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5. Committees –
 - a. Budget/Facilities Committee – No meeting.
 - b. Personnel Committee – No meeting.
 - c. Strategic Plan Committee – No meeting.

6. Action Items:
 - a. Privacy Policy – American Library Association (ALA) updated the privacy policy for libraries in June of 2019. Most libraries adopt the ALA privacy policy for use in their own libraries, which is what BPL is requesting at this time.
Mark Preuschl moved to approve the Privacy Policy as presented. David Sowl seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (7-0).**
 - b. Monthly financial report and approval of library and café bills – Florence Haley moved to approve the payment of the bills on the September 17, 2019 warrant in the amount of \$37,029.42 for the library, and \$3,554.61 for the Blender and the recurring expenses of \$115,524.02 for the library and \$5,481.52 for the Blender. Rachelle Elliott seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (7-0).**

7. Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events –
 - Nick Dimassis reminded everyone of the upcoming fundraiser – The Reel Deal. The event is October 19, 7:00 pm at the Library.
 - Maribeth Miller will be inviting all of the new Library Board members to coffee for a one on one orientation to the board.

8. Motion to Adjourn – David Sowl moved to adjourn. Rachelle Elliott seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Submitted by:
Jennifer Laatz, Business Manager