



# beloit public library

Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call – President Maribeth Miller called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.  
Members present: Maribeth Miller, Betty Magnus, Rachelle Elliott, Diane Lichtenstein, Mark Preuschl, and Florence Haley (arr. 4:15). Members Absent: Angela Moore, Amanda Isunza, and David Sowl. Also present: Library Director Nick Dimassis and Library Leadership Team – Jennifer Laatz, Amy Mitchell, and Katharine Clark.
2. Approval of the consent agenda – Elliott moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the November 20, 2019 Library Board meeting minutes, November 15, 2019 Personnel Committee meeting minutes, November 26, 2019 Special Library Board meeting minutes, December 3, 2019 Personnel Committee meeting minutes and the December 10, 2019 Personnel Committee meeting minutes. Magnus seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (5-0).**
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, Dimassis reported on the following:
    - The Library Leadership Team presented 2020 funding requests to FABL and BPL Foundation. BPL Foundation approved the requests in November; FABL will be discussing again on January 8, 2020.
    - Architects are working on the final work-ups for the BTC construction plans. We are still hoping to piggyback on the construction for the additional classrooms in the library and the shared office space. Fall 2020 semester classes will be in the new spaces.
    - Phase 1a – BTC classes; Phase 1b – Library classrooms and shared office space; Phase 1c – Children’s & Teen areas.
    - We are in a good position and consistent with what we have been talking about over the past 5 years.
  - b. Arrowhead Library System (ALS) – Miller reported that the ALS board is considering reworking the mission statement as part of the strategic plan with the help of a consultant. The board approved the 2020 Budget. Department of Public Instruction approved the system plan.
  - c. Beloit Public Library Foundation – No meeting. Next meeting is January 8, 2020.
  - d. Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) – No meeting. Next meeting is January 8, 2020.

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5. Committees –
  - a. Budget/Facilities Committee – No report.
  - b. Personnel Committee – Miller reported that there is no update since the last meeting. Will be setting dates in January to finalize director evaluation.
  - c. Strategic Plan Committee – No report. Meeting in January.
  
6. Action Items:
  - a. Internet Policy – Haley moved to approve the Internet Policy as presented. Preuschl seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (6-0).**
  - b. Economic Barriers to Information Access Policy – Lichtenstein moved to approve the Economic Barriers to Information Access Policy as presented. Magnus seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (6-0).**
  - c. Monthly financial report and approval of library and café bills – Elliott moved to approve the payment of the bills on the December 16, 2019 warrant in the amount of \$39,757.52 for the library, and \$3,395.72 for the Blender and the recurring expenses of \$126,365.10 for the library and \$4,888.65 for the Blender. Haley seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (6-0).**
  
7. Motion to Adjourn – Preuschl moved to adjourn. Elliott seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Submitted by:  
Jennifer Laatz, Business Manager