



# beloit public library

Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call – President Maribeth Miller called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.  
Members present: Maribeth Miller, Elizabeth Magnus, David Sowl, Sherry Blakeley, Diane Lichtenstein, Rachelle Elliott, Florence Haley, and Angela Moore. Members Absent: Megan Miller.  
Also present: Library Director Nick Dimassis and Leadership Team Members: Jennifer Laatz, Amy Mitchell, Michael DeVries, Katharine Clark, Jeni Schomber, and Wyatt Ditzler.
2. Approval of the consent agenda – Haley moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the September 16, 2020 Library Board meeting minutes, September 24, 2020 Personnel Committee meeting minutes, September 30, 2020 Budget/Facilities Committee meeting minutes, October 5, 2020 Inclusive Services Committee meeting minutes, and the October 7, 2020 Personnel Committee meeting minutes. Magnus seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0)**
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:
    - Wyatt Ditzler, IT Manager presented a PowerPoint on the past, present, and future of technology at BPL
    - Wanda Sloan nominated Beloit Public Library for the Dorothy Height Diversity in the Workplace Award.
  - b. Arrowhead Library System (ALS) – President Miller reported that she is no longer able to serve as the BPL representative to the Arrowhead Library System board.
  - c. Beloit Public Library Foundation – Sowl reported the Foundation received the \$100,000 from Dr. Tom Lang for the construction project. The board reviewed and revised the Fraud Policy, Internal Controls Policy, and Stock Donation Policy. They continue to work on the by-laws.
  - d. Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) – no meeting.
5. Committees –
  - a. Budget/Facilities Committee – Sowl reported the committee met and discussed a leasing policy and fee schedule and recommended board approval upon review by legal.
  - b. Personnel Committee – President Miller reported that the committee is working on a 360-degree evaluation to include FABL, FDN, Staff and Board.

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- c. Strategic Plan Committee – Did not meet. The Inclusive Services Sub-Committee met and will now be called the IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access) Sub-Committee.
6. Old Business: None.
7. New Business:
  - a. Arrowhead Library System BPL Board Representative – Sowl moved to approved Sherry Blakeley as the BPL representative on the ALS Board. President Miller seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0)**
  - b. Monthly financial report and approval of library and café bills – Magnus moved to approve the payment of the bills on the October 21, 2020 warrant in the amount of \$21,041.61 for the Library and \$2,115.56 for the Blender and the recurring expenses of \$95,217.43 for the Library and \$3,207.65 for the Blender. Blakeley seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (8-0).**
8. Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events – Moore reminded members of the upcoming Racial Justice Conference as well as the Lunch and Learn opportunities and Courageous Conversations opportunities all through the YWCA of Rock County.
9. Agenda Review – Foundation Representatives.
10. Motion to Adjourn – Sowl moved to adjourn. Moore seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2020

Submitted by:  
Jennifer Laatz, Business Manager