



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

7:00 PM

West Allis Public Library
7421 W. National Ave.

A. Call to Order

Mr. Rausch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present 7 - Jamie Arneson, Barbara Hart, Darren Rausch, Cathy Manthei, Jody Rymaszewski, Ray Turner, Angela Collings

Excused 2 - Adam Hengel, Elizabeth Suelzer

Staff present: Michael Koszalka, Library Director, and Lisa VandenBoom, Library Manager

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Library Board Meeting Minutes February 28, 2024

Attachments: [Library Board Meeting Minutes February 28, 2024](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the February 28, 2024 Library Board minutes as written. Second by Alderperson Turner. Motion approved.

D. Statements by Citizens

None.

E. Correspondence

Greater Milwaukee Foundation March 2024 Communication

Attachments: [Greater Milwaukee Communication March 2024](#)

Mr. Monterio Pringle March 2024 Communication

Attachments: [Monterio Pringle March 2024 Communication](#)

F. Claims and Finance Report

2. March 2024 Claims and Finance Report

Attachments: [March 2024 Claims and Finance Report](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the March 2024 Claims and Finance Report. Second by Alderperson Turner. Motion approved.

G. Unfinished Business

H. New Business

3. MCFLS Update

MCFLS will be conducting a strategic planning meeting in late April.

4. Terchak Fund Request-New Automated Sorter

Attachments: [New Sorter proposal](#)
[Lyngsoe Service and Update Proposal](#)
[Terchak trust fund report March 2024](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the Terchak Fund request for a new automated sorter. Second by Ms. Arneson. Motion approved.

5. Revocation of Library Privileges

Attachments: [Revocation of Library Privileges \(Revised draft\)](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the Revocation of Library Privileges process. Second by Ms. Collings. A final copy will be presented at the next Library Board meeting.

6. Recommendation from the Library Director to revoke the privileges of a library patron

Attachments: [Joanna Bender February 2024 Communication](#)

Ms. Manthei moved to approve the ban on Ms. Bender. Second by Ms. Rymaszewski. Motion approved.

7. Trustee Essentials-Chapter 3-Bylaws-Organizing the Board for Effective Action

Attachments: [Trustee Essentials-Chapter 3-Organizing the Board for Effective Action](#)
[West Allis Library Board Bylaws](#)

-TI. Library Director's Report

- The Department of Public Works assessed the Library roof. There are numerous leaks that occur during heavy rains. Half of the roof will be replaced with a double layer method.
- The City presented a 2045 Comprehensive Plan and the Library was highly rated by citizens.
- March is art month in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District and the Library is host to many pieces of student art.
- The first meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee was held on March 21st. A SWOT analysis will be discussed at the next meeting on April 25th.
- Circulation of print and digital materials increased in February. A blues concert was held in February and 76 people attended.
- Interviews for the vacant Children's Librarian position are being conducted.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Hart moved to adjourn. Second by Ms. Rymaszewski. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Rymaszewski, Secretary



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