



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

7:00 PM

West Allis Public Library
7421 W. National Ave.

A. Call to Order

Ms. Suelzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present 5 - Jamie Arneson, Barbara Hart, Darren Rausch, Cathy Manthei, Elizabeth Suelzer

Excused 3 - Adam Hengel, Jody Rymaszewski, Angela Collings

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

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Library Board Meeting Minutes March 27, 2024

Attachments: [Library Board Meeting Minutes March 27, 2024](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the March 27, 2024 Library Board meeting minutes as written. Second by Mr. Rausch. Motion approved.

D. Statements by Citizens

None.

E. Correspondence

Ms. Joanna Bender March 2024 Communication

Attachments: [Ms. Joanna Bender March 2024 Communication](#)

F. Claims and Finance Report

2. April 2024 Claims and Finance Report

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

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

G. Unfinished Business

3. Revocation of Library Privileges

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

The final Revocation of Library Privileges process was presented to the Library Board. Mr. Rausch moved to approve the process. Second by Alderperson Turner. Motion approved.

H. New Business

4. MCFLS Update

There is a new member on the MCFLS Board. Supervisor Kathleen Vincent is a County Supervisor and is also on the Milwaukee Public Library Board.

eBooks have been heavily used this year. The allocated MCFLS budget may not cover all the copies needed.

The new CountyCat catalog, Aspen, is scheduled to go live in June of 2024. Staff are currently receiving training.

The MCFLS strategic plan will be presented to local Library Boards in June or July.

5. West Allis A La Carte

West Allis A La Carte will take place on Sunday, June 2nd. The Library will have a table and Liz Suelzer will coordinate Library Board member shifts.

Present 6 - Jamie Arneson, Barbara Hart, Darren Rausch, Cathy Manthei, Jody Rymaszewski, Elizabeth Suelzer

Excused 2 - Adam Hengel, Angela Collings

6. Library Code of Conduct Policy

Attachments: [Library Code of Conduct revised](#)
[Library Code of Conduct revised 4.24.24 \(1\)](#)

Mr. Rausch moved to approve the Code of Conduct policy with a few revisions. Second by Ms. Hart. Motion approved.

Present 7 - Jamie Arneson, Barbara Hart, Adam Hengel, Darren Rausch, Cathy Manthei, Jody Rymaszewski, Elizabeth Suelzer

Excused 1 - Angela Collings

7. Trustee Essentials-Chapter 4-Effective Board Meetings and Trustee Participation

Attachments: [Trustee Essentials-Chapter 4-Effective Board Meetings and Trustee Participation](#)

Library Director's Report

- The interviews for the Children's Librarian position are ongoing.
- The part-time Teen Librarian position remains open. The selected candidate accepted and rescinded. The position has been reposted.
- The Library made the second payment on the elevator upgrade and the parts needed have been shipped. The installation is targeted for May.
- National Library Week was 4/7-4/13 and staff and patrons participated in a spirit week. Patrons have been invited to design our new library card. Cathy Manthei, Library Board member, sent Library staff an Edible Arrangement to express thanks for their service.
- The Library has started a seed library. Patrons may select up to 5 seed types and growing instructions are included. Seeds include kale, lettuce, carrots, flowers, and herbs.
- The Library has been selected to join a partnership with the Wisconsin Badgers to promote literacy and summer reading. Stickers and posters will be distributed and raffles for books and Badger gear will be part of the program.
- On Saturday, 4/27 the Friends of the West Allis Public Library general meeting will take place. The Milwaukee County Zoo will be presenting on conservation projects.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Rausch moved to adjourn. Second by Ms. Hart. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Suelzer, Acting Secretary



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