



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

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: Gloria Dohearty, Barbara Hart, Adam Hengel, Jody Rymaszewski, Elizabeth Suelzer, Alderperson Ray Turner, and Michelle Wadewitz

Excused: None

Others present: Andrew Nettesheim

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

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Library Board Meeting Minutes December 6, 2022

Attachments: [Library Board Meeting Minutes December 6, 2022](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the December 6, 2022 Library Board meeting minutes as written. Second by Alderperson Turner. Motion approved.

D. Statements by Citizens

None.

E. Correspondence

Mr. Bill Radonski December 2022 Communication

Attachments: [Mr. Bill Radonski Communication December 2022](#)

Mr. Michael J. Pitts Communication December 2022

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Greater Milwaukee Foundation December 2022 Communication

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Mary Ruelle Resolution

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2022 West Allis Public Library Use Summary

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F. Claims and Finance Report

2. January 2023 Claims and Finance Report

Attachments: [January 2023 Claims and Finance Report](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the January 2023 Claims and Finance Report.
Second by Alderperson Turner. Motion approved.

G. Unfinished Business

3. Terchak Fund Request-Repair/Replacement of Elevator

Attachments: [Terchak trust fund report January 2023](#)

Bids for elevator repair or replacement will be discussed at the February Library Board meeting.

H. New Business

4. MCFLS Update

Wauwatosa Public Library has eliminated overdue fines on all items.

5. Statement of Effectiveness for 2022 Library Annual Report

Attachments: [Statement of Effectiveness for 2022 Annual Report](#)
[2021 Statement of Effectiveness](#)

Mr. Koszalka was directed to create a statement of effectiveness that will be voted on at the next meeting.

6. Trustee Essentials-Chapter18-Library Board Appointments and Composition

Attachments: [Trustee Essentials-Chapter18-Library Board Appointments and Composition](#)

I. Library Director's Report

- On Friday, December 23rd the Library was closed due to inclement weather.
- Library Director Mike Koszalka and Emily Rutter, Adult and Circulation Supervisor, have met with staff from the Senior Center, Health Department, and the West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation department to discuss collaboration. Ideas include genealogy classes, book clubs, book talks and a variety of other ideas.
- A Public Health social worker has been hired by the Health department. She will eventually have regular hours at the Library to help patrons in need.
- The Library's Winter Week event took place Tuesday, January 17th. The theme was Alice in Wonderland. Eighty people attended. It included a storytime, trivia, glow stick party, and crafts.
- Bill Radonski donated \$10,000 to the Library. The money will be placed in the Library's trust fund.
- Marion Ehlert, former City employee, left \$500,000 to the Friends of the Library. The money was signed over to the Library and will be placed in the Library's trust fund. More money is expected from her estate in the spring of 2023.
- Beth Henika, Children's Services Supervisor, has accepted a job at Milwaukee Public Library. Her last day will be January 31st.
- Emily Rutter, Adult and Circulation Supervisor, compiled a report on 2022 library use.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Hart moved to adjourn. Second by Alderperson Turner. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Rymaszewski, Secretary



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