



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

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 7 - Gloria Dohearty, Barbara Hart, Kari Southern, Jody Rymaszewski, Elizabeth Suelzer, Ray Turner, and Angelito Tenorio

Excused 2 - Michelle Wadewitz, and Adam Hengel

Others present: Rebecca Grill, City Administrator

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

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Library Board Meeting Minutes July 28, 2021

Attachments: [Library Board Meeting Minutes July 28, 2021](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the July 28, 2021 Library Board Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion approved.

D. Statements by Citizens

None.

E. Correspondence

Barbara J. Herbst July 2021 Communication

Attachments: [Barbara J. Herbst July 2021 Communication](#)

Bus Route Change Communication

Attachments: [Bus Route Change Communication](#)

MCTS August 2021 Communication

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West Milwaukee 2022 Cost per Circulation Worksheet

Attachments: [West Milwaukee 2022 Cost per Circ Worksheet](#)

Greater Milwaukee Foundation Statement January-June 2021

Attachments: [Greater Milwaukee Foundation Statement January-June 2021](#)

F. Claims and Finance Report

- 2. August 2021 Claims and Finance Report

Attachments: [August 2021 Claims and Finance Report](#)

Ms. Southern moved to approve the August 2021 Claims and Finance Report. Second by Alderperson Tenorio. Motion approved.

G. Unfinished Business

- 3. COVID-19 Update

None.

- 4. West Allis Public Library Temporary Safety Practices Policy in Response to COVID-19

Attachments: [West Allis Public Library Temporary Safety Practices Policy in response to Covid - rev. 5.26.21](#)

This policy remains in effect.

- 5. 2022 Library Operating Budget

Attachments: [2022 Budget Calendar Final](#)
[2022 proposed budget](#)

At the September Library Board meeting Rebecca Grill, City Administrator, will present budget information.

At this point Library Board member Mr. Adam Hengel arrived.

Present 8 - Gloria Dohearty, Barbara Hart, Kari Southern, Jody Rymaszewski, Elizabeth Suelzer, Ray Turner, Angelito Tenorio, and Adam Hengel

Excused 1 - Michelle Wadewitz

- 6. Election of Officers

Ms. Southern moved to approve a new slate of officers. Second by Ms. Dohearty. Motion approved.

The officers for 2021-2022 are:

- Ms. Elizabeth Sulezer, President
- Mr. Ray Turner, Vice President
- Ms. Jody Rymaszewski, Secretary
- Ms. Barbara Hart, Financial Secretary

H. New Business

- 7. MCFLS Update

MCFLS has hired a Public Information Coordinator. This position will maintain the MCFLS website, social media accounts, and provide marketing for the library system.

A financial audit at MCFLS was completed.

MCFLS state aid has increased and spending priorities are being discussed.

8. Meeting and Study Room Use

Attachments: [Temporary Meeting and Study Room Policy](#)

Ms. Rymaszewski approved the Temporary Meeting and Study Room Use Policy. Second by Alderperson Tenorio. Motion approved.

9. Revision of Permanent Library Service Hours

Attachments: [Proposed permanent public service hours](#)

Ms. Hart moved to approve the permanent Library service hours. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion approved.

Starting October 3rd the Library's hours will be:

Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sunday (October -April): 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

10. Trustee Essentials-Chapter 5-Hiring a Library Director

Attachments: [Trustee Essentials-Chapter 5-Hiring a Library Director](#)

I. Library Director's Report

- The repaving of S. 75th St. that started in mid-August is expected to be completed by the middle of September. One entrance to the Library parking lot will remain open at all times.
- The Library Director participated in City of West Allis strategic planning sessions.
- The Print management system has been going well.
- Since June 2020, the Library has welcomed 180,000 visitors, circulated over 337,000 items, signed up 880 new patrons for library cards, and filled almost 1,000 curbside orders. Patrons have logged over 21,000 Internet computer sessions.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Hart moved to adjourn. Second by Alderperson Tenorio. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Rymaszewski, Secretary



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