



City of West Allis Meeting Minutes Library Board

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

7:00 PM

West Allis Public Library
7421 W. National Ave.

A. Call to Order

Mr. Ruasch called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present 5 - Jamie Arneson, Darren Rausch, Jody Rymaszewski, Amelia Bursi, Ray Turner

Excused 4 - Barbara Hart, Cathy Manthei, Elizabeth Suelzer, Angela Collings

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

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Library Board Meeting Minutes January 22, 2025

Attachments: [Library Board meeting Minutes January 22, 2025](#)

Aldersperson Turner moved to approve the January 22, 2025 Library Board meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Rymaszewski. Motion approved.

D. Statements by Citizens

None.

E. Correspondence

Mr. Dale Hayes January 2025 Communication

Attachments: [Mr. Dale Hayes January 2025 Communication](#)

F. Claims and Finance Report

2. February 2025 Claims and Finance Report

Attachments: [February 2025 Claims and Finance Report](#)

Ms. Arneson moved to approve the February 2025 Claims and Finance Report. Second by Aldersperson Turner. Motion approved.

G. Unfinished Business

3. Statement of Effectiveness for 2024 Annual Report

Attachments: [2023 Statement of Effectiveness-Final](#)

[2024 Statement of Effectiveness](#)

Ms. Arneson moved to approve the 2024 statement of effectiveness and vote yes. Second by Aldersperson Turner. Motion approved.

H. New Business

4. MCFLS Update

On February 11th, 2025, Library Legislative Day took place at the Wisconsin state capitol. Ms. Suelzer attended.

5. 2024 Trust Fund Report

Attachments: [2024 Trust Fund Report](#)
[2024 Greater Milwaukee Foundation Statement](#)

Ms. Rymaszewski moved to approve the 2024 Trust Fund Report. Second by Ms. Arneson. Motion approved.

6. 2024 Annual Report

Attachments: [2024 Annual Report](#)

Alderson Turner moved to approve the 2024 Annual Report. Second by Ms. Arneson. Motion approved.

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

Attachments: [Mr. Ryan Murphy February 2025 Communication](#)
[Mr. Javonte Lewis February 2025 Communication](#)

Ms. Arneson moved to affirm the ban on Mr. Murphy and Mr. Lewis. Second by Alderson Turner. Motion approved.

8. Trustee Essentials-Chapter 13-Library Advocacy

Attachments: [Trustee Essentials-Chapter 13-Library Advocacy](#)

I. Library Director's Report

-On February 11th, 2025 Library Staff attended a staff training day. Certificates were distributed honoring years of service. The West Allis Police Department conducted active shooter training and a Behavioral Health Coordinator from Aurora Health Care spoke about mental health.

-The Children's department has new cordless blinds.

-The new sorter was installed the week of February 24th. It is quieter and more efficient.

-West Allis A La Carte will take place Sunday, June 1st.

-In January the Milwaukee Ballet led a story time and Grebe's Bakery presented on the history of their business. Both events were very well attended.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Arneson moved to adjourn. Second by Ms. Bursi. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Rymaszewski, Secretary



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