

**Columbus Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room**

Call to Order: Pete Kaland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Pete Kaland, Amanda Wakeman, Sue Salter, Trina Reid, Deb Haeffner, Merry Anderson, Jim Schieble

Absent: Shirley Berkley, Dana Pike, Nora Vieau

Roll Call, Introduction of Visitors Public Input:

Approval of the Agenda for January 21, 2025: Jim moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Jim moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve the December 2024 Minutes. Motion carried.

Reports

Financial Secretary's Report: SCLS Foundation year end market value up \$37,876. CDAR 1 renews 2/27/25 at 4.97%. Sue moved and Merry seconded a motion to approve Financial Secretary report. Motion carried.

Bills: Bills of \$6,160.06 submitted includes 2025 elevator service contract. Jim moved and Merry seconded a motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Budget Comparison: Budget on track. New countertop and bathroom remodel included in 2024 budget.

Library Director's Report:

The Winter Reading Program has 260 patrons and will run through Feb. 7.

Several families are participating in the new Homeschool Program on Monday afternoons.

CPL welcomed the high school Lifeskills Class on Dec. 18 which included a scavenger hunt to teach library areas and services.

All programs—Storytime, Music & Motion, Crafternoon, Pokémon, Lego Club and Babies on Blankets—continue to be well-attended.

Adult Programs:

Continuing to adjust adult book club schedule to accommodate interested people. Book and a Movie Club discontinued, Non-fiction Club now quarterly.

The After Hours Book Club continues to grow and is quickly outgrowing the Annex.

Beginning Piano has 17 people playing every Tuesday in January.

The first month of the Book Subscription Service has 11 subscribers.

Upcoming Programs:

Crochet Club for middle school students begins in March.
Tech Tuesdays-Lunch and Learn begins end of Feb to teach adult digital literacy.
January 30-Laura Wessel from Rainbow Community Care will host program on navigating grief.
February 1-Rebecca Hopman, Genealogy Services Librarian at Wisconsin Historical Society will present at the monthly Genealogy Workshop meeting.
February 6-Badger Talk with Professor Sissel Schroeder on Uncovering Ancient Aztalan.

Meetings:

City Community Services Departments continue to meet.
January 16-Columbia County Library Board and Directors met in Cambria. They will begin creating a new strategic plan.

Building and Grounds:

The Lueders' are parking their car in the Annex garage with a donation to CPL.
The Annex smell seems to be resolved. The evaporator drain trap in the HVAC unit in the attic was dry allowing sewer gas into the building. TAS added water which immediately fixed the problem. Board discussed getting DPW on a schedule to maintain the unit rather than waiting for smell to return.

Library Director's Goals:

In cooperation with city departments, summer CPL programs will be booked on the library lawn at 1:00 and in the park at 6:00 to reduce cost and allow more people to attend. The Public Services Department and the Community Collaboration group both met in January which has created positive cohesion.

The desktop is installed. The bathroom remodel is back to the beginning and looking for contractors who appear to be backing away. The project must be paid for by June 1, 2025.

President's Report: None

Literacy Council Report: Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. has free laptops available to eligible Lit Councils. Amanda completed and returned application. Merry spoke to Rotary meeting about the Lit Council.

Friends of the Library: Did not meet.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: Director Evaluations are due to Sue or Merry by February 18 Board Meeting. Amanda will send Word document to members. Staff job descriptions will also be reevaluated.

Trustee Training: Topics for 2025 selected.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourn: Jim moved and Deb seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Next scheduled board meeting – February 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Merry Anderson, Secretary