



# LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Community Room - Lester Public Library  
1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

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## MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Pennefeather called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **ROLL CALL**  
Board Members Present: David Pennefeather, Ned Guyette, Shannon Derby, Katie Stone, Kathryn Gadd, Mary Glaser, and Stanley Palmer. Absent and excused - Sharon Sleger and Don Weiss.  
Also present: Jeff Dawson, Director
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
4. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024, meeting, made by Derby, second made by Palmer. Voice vote carried unanimously.
5. **RECEIVE AND FILE EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
Motion to receive and file the expenditure and financial reports from September, 2024, made by Palmer, second made by Glaser. Voice vote carried unanimously.
6. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**  
The Board recognized Terry Ehle, Wisconsin Library Association's 2024 Librarian of the Year. Dawson explained the nomination procedure and shared Terry's initial reaction to the award. The Board was unanimous in how proud and appreciative they are with Terry's contributions to the Lester Public Library. Guyette discussed a New York Times article on how libraries across the country weed their collections and the public reaction to those actions. Stone gave kudos to another wonderful Dramatic Play Center, 'Paws & Read.'
7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
Dawson fielded questions and comments concerning his report.
8. **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - A. Library Newsletter – October 2024
  - B. Article in the Fall 2024, Volume 22/No.3, issue of *Children & Libraries the Journal of the Association for Library Service to Children*, "Practice the Practices, Kids Learn Big in Dramatic Play Areas, by Terry Ehle, Tammy Feuerstein, and Sally Taylor.
  - C. Terry Ehle was given the 2nd Quarter 2024 MCLS Staff Recognition Recipient Award, handed out by the Manitowoc Calumet Library System.
9. **REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**  
Roosevelt Avenue street construction nearing completion. in the next week. The M&M building has been sold and a new Indian restaurant is in the future for this space. The city has rezoned the area across from the JMart to add another Indian restaurant with a different regional flair.

**10. REPORT FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**

This Friday will be a new testing scale training for educators. Investigating a new math series for 2025.

**11. REPORT FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE – No Report**

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2025 Budget Review, there was consensus for Dawson to present the budget to the City Personnel and Finance Committee as proposed this evening. Final approval of the budget will be at the December Board meeting after City approval.

**14. BOARD EDUCATION – None**

**15. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Pennefeather read Wisconsin Statutes s.19.85(1)(c) which allows closed sessions when the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee under the jurisdiction of the particular government body is being considered. Mr. Pennefeather then stated the reason for the Closed Session is in regards staff wage scales. He then opened the floor for a motion to enter into Closed Session. Motion made by Derby to enter into Closed Session, second made by Guyette. Roll Call Vote: Shannon Derby– Aye; Katie Stone – Aye; Ned Guyette – Aye; David Pennefeather – Aye; Kathryn Gadd – Aye; Stanley Palmer – Aye; and Mary Glaser – Aye. Motion carried. The Board of Trustees entered into Closed Session at 7:08 PM.

At 7:17 PM a motion to reconvene in open session was made by Derby, second made by Palmer. Voice vote carried unanimously.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Derby, second made by Glaser. Voice vote carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Dawson, Director