

LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 6:00 PM
Community Room, Lester Public Library, Two Rivers, Wisconsin

Call to Order –President Larry Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call – Members Present: Kate Gadd, Kirsten Sleger, David Pennefeather, Larry Thomas, Rick Henrickson, Ned Guyette, Tom Van Horn and Sharon Sleger. Absent and excused: Stanley Palmer. Also present: Tracey Koach and Jeff Dawson, Director

President Thomas welcomed Ned Guyette to the Board. Guyette will finish the term formerly occupied by Tracey Koach.

Public Comment – Tracey Koach uses the library all the time and thinks it is great.

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting, made by Pennefeather, second made by Sharon Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Expenditures & Financial Reports – Motion to receive and file the November, 2021 financial reports, made by Gadd, second made by Guyette. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Board Member Comment – Both Van Horn and Gadd were pleased to see the 4% increase in the 2022 library budget passed by City Council. Sharon Sleger commented on receiving the new message concerning books coming due coming from an unknown telephone number; Dawson replied the phone number is different and made sure the message received was positive.

Director’s Report – Dawson provided an update on a proposed roofing project and what might happen with the solar panels on the roof. Dawson also discussed library services in a post COVID environment.

Communications

A. November Library eLinks – Lester Public Library’s Monthly Online Newsletter

Report from City Council Representative – The winter parking ban is lifted until there is a major snow event. Paragon sale will hopefully go through in the coming weeks. Fundraising is under way for Central Park redesign including the ice rink/splash pad.

Report from School District Representative – Santa will visit schools this Friday. Holiday choir concerts are coming up. The district is hiring two new teaching positions and there is a shortage of substitute teachers. The district has dropped the masking matrix for students and staff. There is a vaccination clinic coming soon to Magee.

Report from County Representative – This will be Henrickson’s final year as County Representative after serving twenty-two years.

Unfinished Business

- A. COVID – 19 updates, staff will continue to wear masks when serving the public outside of their ‘bubbled’ environments.

- B. Motion to approve the 2022 Library Budget made by Henrickson, second made by Guyette. Voice vote carried unanimously.

New Business

- A. Meeting Room Policy review, will bring back to the January, 2022 meeting for possible approval.

- B. Motion to approve a Resolution of Gratitude for Tracey Koach made by Kirsten Sleger, second made by Rick Henrickson. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Board Education – None

Closed Executive Session – None

- A. Motion to adjourn made by Kirsten Sleger, second made by Henrickson. Voice vote carried 7 to 1, one nay from Van Horn. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Dawson, Director