



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

5:00 PM

La Crosse Main Library - Auditorium (Lower Level)

Call to Order

Roll Call

The Chair, Ms. Anglehart, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathy Ivey, Ross Seymour, Jess Thill, Araysa Simpson, Sue Anglehart,

ABSENT: Aaron Engel, Katie Bittner, Mac Kiel

STAFF: Shanneon Grant, Dawn Wacek, Barry McKnight, Elaine Petersen, Anita Doering, Russ Swanson, Danny Whitmore, Cole Zrostlik

Agenda Items:

1 Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – March 14, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2023.

(Kathy Ivey/Araysa Simpson) Carried

2 Approval of Minutes from Committee of the Whole – No April Meeting

3 Approval of March financials was omitted from the final agenda. March and April financials will be approved in May.

4 Reports

4.1 Director's Report

4.11 Vacancy Report / New Hire Updates

We have two retirements, both coming from our Collection Management Department:

After 36 ½ years, Susan Larson retired March 30th.

After 45 years, Jeanne Klug-Hefte's last day with us will be April 13th.

We appreciate the many contributions of both Jeanne and Susan.

4.12 Operational Updates

On March 18th, the Creation Space re-opened in its new location on the second floor in the former home of the Collection Management department. After the space swap,

Collection management was relocated to our lower level. A huge thanks to all the staff involved in making the space switch, particularly to our IT and Maintenance teams in addition to the staff who coordinated to make the move happen!
As for our current Library Board vacancy, we expect the Mayor to make his appointment at City Council April 13th.

4.13 Strategic Planning Updates
Using the guidelines provided by Library Strategies, our Strategic Planning Steering Committee has been assembled and will have its initial kickoff meeting on Thursday, April 13th. There are eight committee members including representation from library leadership, library board, Friends of the Library, and dynamic community leaders.

4.14 Programming Updates
A copy of our April newsletter was sent along with our meeting materials. As always, we have a wide array of offerings to engage a variety of participants and interests. A few events of note, the Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale will be held April 21st and 22nd. National Library Week is April 23rd – April 29th. Mayor Reynolds has issued a Mayoral Proclamation to acknowledge and celebrate our service to the community. Watch the library social media that week as we recognize volunteers, staff, and community partners each day of National Library Week!

4.15 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget Process Update
Our request for the Mobile Library Vehicle was shifted from 2024 to 2025 so we'd have more information on the impacts to library hours and services after going through Strategic Planning ahead of the next CIP cycle next spring. Subsequently, the Main Hall Remodel was pushed to 2026, and the South Library Remodel request was pushed to 2027. Russ McClintock was this year's library representative on the City's CIP ranking committee.

4.2 Committee of the Whole Report – No April Meeting

5 New Business

None.

6 Old Business

None.

7 Public Comment / Other

None.

8 Topics for Future Meetings

- 7.1 2022 Annual Report**
- 7.2 Teen Space Policy**
- 7.3 Non-Resident Library Card Registration Fees**

9 Adjournment

Time: 5:28 pm

Motion to adjourn.
(Ross Seymour/Araysa Simpson) Carried