



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

5:00 PM

La Crosse Public Library
Auditorium (Lower Level)

1 Call to Order

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

PRESENT: Sue Anglehart, Kathy Ivey, Araysa Simpson, Aaron Engel, Mac Kiel, Ross Seymour, Erin Raymus, Katie Bittner, Jess Thill

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

2 Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – November 14, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of November 14, 2023.

(Kathy Ivey/Mac Kiel) Carried

3 Approval of Minutes from Committee of the Whole – December 5, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 5, 2023.

(Araysa Simpson/Aaron Engel) Carried

4 Approval of Bills & Financial Reports – November 2023

Motion to approve the bills and financial reports from November 2023.

(Aaron Engel/Araysa Simpson) Carried

5 Reports

5.1 Director's Report

5.11 Vacancy / New Hire Updates

A position for a part-time Library Assistant has been posted; LPL management is in the process of hiring for the vacant Network and Cybersecurity Analyst position. A part-time Patron Relations (PR) Assistant recently resigned to pursue full-time employment.

5.12 Operational Updates

Roughly 75% of materials at South Library were distributed to other WRLS libraries. A community input meeting to discuss future plans for the South site is planned for January 2024.

5.13 Programming Highlights

Rivertown, an annual collaboration between LPL Archives and Fox 25/48 was awarded an Emmy. A watch party and other events are planned for February. 2023 Regional Read recently concluded. It consisted of 30 programs over 3 months with 800 books handed out to participants. Next year the read will center around the arts.

5.2 Committee of the Whole Report – December 5, 2023

5.21 Approval of 2024 Winding Rivers Resource Contract

Motion to approve 2024 Winding Rivers System Resource Contract (Araysa Simpson/Katie Bittner) Carried

5.22 Approval of Fund Balance for Access Points Project

Two funding options were discussed. The first option would designate all unallocated fund balance to access points project. The second option would split the unallocated fund balance to partially support two projects: Main space audit and access points.

Motion to approve entire unallocated fund balance for Access Points Project. (Aaron Engel/Ross Seymour) Carried

5.23 Approval of Fund Balance or Special Trustee’s Fund for Main Space Audit

Motion to use up to \$9000 of Special Trustee’s Fund for Main Space Audit. (Araysa Simpson/Kathy Ivey) Carried

5.24 Approval of Unspent Salaries Budget for Talon Security Services

Board members expressed concern for the well-being of staff and all patrons. Maintaining a welcoming environment is central to the library’s mission. Security services may support this effort while the City works through next steps in addressing the local unsheltered situation.

Motion to approve unexpended 2023 salaries budget to contract with Talon Security Services for one month with the option to contract for two additional months of on-site security. (Katie Bittner/Kathy Ivey) Carried

6 New Business

None.

7 Old Business

7.1 Approval of Special Trustee’s Fund for Board Retreat & Retiree Recognition

Motion to approve Special Trustee's Fund to reimburse In-House checking in the amount of \$729.41 for Board Retreat and Retiree Recognitions.
(Aaron Engel/Erin Raymus) Carried

8 Topics for Future Meetings

8.1 Presentation from Trust Point

9 Public Comment / Other

- a. City Council Rep/Library Board Member Mac Kiel attending Council Planning meeting on homelessness coordination.*
- b. Next meeting January 9.*
- c. Request to revisit parameters of Special Trustee's Fund.*

10 Adjournment

(Aaron Engle/Erin Raymus) Carried