

**LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TRUSTEES' ROOM
800 MAIN STREET
LA CROSSE WISCONSIN
March 10, 2016
5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dan Gelatt, James Cherf, Laurie Landry, Bev Ruston, Araysa Simpson
Jodi Ehrenberger arrived at 5:03 p.m.

EXCUSED: Katie Bittner, Randy Nelson, Tom Sleik

STAFF: Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Anita Doering, Mary Dunn, Rochelle Hartman, Lou
Kalis, Loretta Kilmer, Elaine Phillips

GUESTS: Councilman Gary Padesky, Michael Sigman, Jennifer Troust

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mr. Gelatt, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2016, with the amendment to
add the resolution honoring Tom Sleik as follows:***

RESOLUTION

*The La Crosse Public Library Board of Trustees
Honoring*

THOMAS SCOTT SLEIK

*Whereas, Thomas Sleik has ably served on the La Crosse Public Library Board since God was
a pup: and*

*Whereas, his passion, drive and commitment to public service were influential not only in the
passing of a library referendum in his youth, but also for just about every improvement,
advancement and enhancement of public library service in this town since then: and*

*Whereas, his advice, guidance and sage wisdom has helped the library avoid more than a few
political debacles over the past three decades: and*

Whereas, despite more than a couple of other demands on his time – Super Lawyer, Festmeister, Community Foundation, Public Education Foundation, and the performance of his duties as the world's greatest grandfather, just to name a few – he has always, ALWAYS been there for LPL when we needed him: and

Whereas, his keen eye for hypocrisy and his unflinching courage in the face of unwarranted criticism, outrageous accusations and just plain dumbness has been and continues to be an inspiration: and

Whereas, his boundless good humor and always-positive attitude has made every board meeting he's ever attended end with no hard feelings, no cantankerous arguments, and with at least one solid piece of business having been accomplished: and

Whereas, although it must have absolutely terrified him on some level, he stuck to his guns and convinced "Q" Hale that a children's room could NOT be kept on the second floor – a fact for which we are all eternally grateful (now perhaps he can explain how we ended up with two full showers in the basement!): and

Whereas, after +30 years of service, the last 10 of which he has been haunted by the ghost of Frank Papenfuss who is still telling him to have some kind of relationship with a rhinoceros (you have to ask him to tell you the story), Tom has decided that enough is enough and even someone as good at this as he is needs to step down after half-a-lifetime of meetings, funding worries, calming down library directors, buying them expensive lunches, and all the other various weirdnesses that have come about:

Now therefore be it resolved that on the Eleventh Day of February, Two Thousand and Sixteen, the La Crosse Public Library Board of Trustees hereby expresses its appreciation of his contributions to library welfare through his service on said Board; and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to him and that its contents be spread in full upon the minutes of this organization.

(Dan Gelatt / James Cherf) Carried

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Troust, from the Holy Trinity-Longfellow Neighborhood Association, presented a proposal to enhance the South Community Library.

4. APPROVAL OF BILLS & FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Krieg-Sigman noted nothing unusual, the Library is on target for 2016.

Motion to approve the bills and financial reports for February 2016, as presented.

(Jodi Ehrenberger / Laurie Landry) Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 Director's Report

5.11 Update on Vacancies

Ms. Krieg-Sigman noted that the part-time position in Circulation has been filled. She also mentioned that Bobbie Cowgill's position in Reference will remain on hold until after the strategic planning process is completed.

5.12 Staff Report – Mary Dunn and the Books 'n Brunch Program

Mary Dunn provided an overview and background on the Books 'n Brunch program.

5.13 Report on 2/26/16 Meeting with the Mayor

Ms. Krieg-Sigman and Mr. Gelatt provided a summary on their meeting with the Mayor.

5.2 Committee Reports

5.21 Personnel & Budget

Did not meet. Mr. Gelatt reminded the Board to let Ms. Krieg-Sigman know well in advance if unable to attend so members don't arrive without a quorum.

5.22 Library Operations

5.221 Approval of Policy Revisions

5.2211 Materials Selection Policy

Motion to approve the revised materials selection policy.

(Bev Ruston / James Cherf) Carried

5.2212 Usage of Library Card for Pickup of Reserved Items

Motion to approve revised wording of the Pickup of Reserved Items policy.

(Bev Ruston / James Cherf) Carried

5.2213 Approval to Close South Community Library for Library Services on April 5 and November 8

Motion to approve closing of South Community Library to regular library service on April 5 and November 8, 2016.

(Bev Ruston / James Cherf) Carried

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Strategic Planning Project Update and Progress Report

Ms. Krieg-Sigman provided an update on the Strategic Planning Process.

7. TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

7.1 2017 Capital Projects Requests

Ms. Krieg-Sigman noted the deadline of April 15 for Capital projects requests.

7.2 Capital Projects Funding for 2016 and Requests for Use of Special Trustees' Funds

Ms. Krieg-Sigman noted \$40,000, available from other Capital Projects, that could be used for flooring and shelving on first floor.

7.3 Library Director Performance Evaluation

Mr. Gelatt explained the process. Evaluation forms will be emailed to the Board with instructions to return to Bev Ruston by April 4 for compilation.

Miscellaneous

The suggestion was made to have Managers provide updates on their departments at Board meetings on a regular, rotating basis.

9. ADJOURNMENT Time: 5:56 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

(James Cherf / Jodi Ehrenberger) Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Phillips, Recording Secretary

Laurie Landry, Secretary