

**Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes**  
**December 20, 2023**  
**Bridges Library System Office**

**PRESENT:** In person: Linda Ager, Art Biermeier, Betsy Forrest, Jim Heinrich, Diane Knutson, Robert Kraus, Larry Nelson, Amy Reichert, Nancy Wilhelm, Jean Yeomans  
Via ZOOM: Anthony Gulig

**OTHERS:** In person: Karol Kennedy, Bridges Library System Director; Mellanie Mercier, Bridges Library System Automation Coordinator; Laurie Freund, Bridges Library System Coordinator of Library Development; Nicole Purifoy, Bridges Library System Executive Assistant

Call to order: Linda Ager, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Introductions were completed after the call to order.

**Comments from the Public:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** A Biermeier/Wilhelm motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023, meeting as presented passed unanimously.

**ACTION ON THE BILLS REPORT**

*Bills Reports:* A Yeomans/Gulig motion to approve the monthly invoices for funds 210 and 215 for November 2023 as presented passed unanimously.

*Financial Reports:* A Heinrich/Knutson motion to approve the November financial reports for funds 210 and 215 as presented passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

*Bridges Director's Report:* Karol provided another reminder of Library Legislative Day on February 6, 2024, and stated additional information will be sent to all board members via email from Nicole. Board members will need to indicate their interest in attending prior to the registration deadline. Karol discussed several pieces of pending legislature which may be of interest especially to those who choose to attend. Karol also made note of the opinion piece regarding libraries by State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly, which was published in the Wisconsin State Journal.

*APL:* Karol reported on the discussion held at the December meeting regarding the cost and selection of digital materials. There is intent to discuss Hoopla and the number of checkouts allowed per month at a future meeting. Karol also noted that about 85% of total circulation is physical materials.

*Resource Library:* Betsy (reporting for Bruce Gay) reported that strategic planning is continuing and nearing completion. As noted at the November board meeting, the City of Waukesha budget was approved, and a new full-time "Patrons Relations" position was created at the Waukesha Public Library.

Betsy also reported that Waukesha Public Library staff participated in training with Waukesha County ADRC.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

*Director's 2024 Goals:* A Wilhelm/Kraus motion to approve the Director's 2024 goals as presented passed unanimously.

*Appointment of 2024 Nominating Committee Officers:* Art Biermeier, Nancy Wilhelm, and Jean Yeomans were reappointed to the committee by Linda Ager.

*Wisconsin Library Buildings and Spaces Presentation:* Laurie Freund provided an overview of this new site and the resources now available to library staff and directors statewide.

*Next Meeting:* January 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. as a hybrid meeting at the Bridges Office.

At 4:54 PM, a Knutson/Biermeier motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:  
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