

Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022 - FINAL

PRESENT: IN PERSON: Art Biermeier, James Heinrich; VIA ZOOM: Linda Ager, Joan Fitzgerald, Richard Nawrocki, Larry Nelson, Howard Pringle, Amy Reichert, Jean Yeomans, Nancy Wilhelm

OTHERS: Karol Kennedy, Bridges Library System Director; Bruce Gay, Executive Director Waukesha Public Library and Resource Library Representative; Eric Robinson, Dwight Foster Public Library Director and APL representative; Alex Klosterman, Waukesha County Senior Financial Analyst; Beth North, Bridges Library System Department Executive Assistant; Gerard Saylor, L.D. Fargo Public Library Director

Call to order: Linda Ager, the Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. via Zoom with optional attendance at the Bridges Library System Office in Waukesha.

Introductions: Introductions were completed after the call to order. A discussion was held about the practice of offering an introduction question. It was decided this will continue unless there is a notably long agenda. A time frame for comments will be set if necessary.

Comments from the Public: None.

Correspondence: None

Meeting Minutes: A Biermeier/Wilhelm motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022, meeting minutes as presented passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS REPORT

Bills Reports: A Heinrich/Biermeier motion to approve the monthly invoices for funds 210 and 215 for year-end 2021 and February 2022 as submitted passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: A Heinrich/Yeomans motion to approve the January 31, 2022, financial report as submitted passed unanimously. It was determined the December 31, 2021, financial reports were incomplete and will be reviewed again in March.

REPORTS

Bridges Director's Report: Karol updated the board regarding the status of member library's annual reports to the State Department of Public Instruction and the system report. Also, Library Legislative Day went well.

APL: Eric Robinson from the Dwight Foster Public Library represented APL at tonight's board meeting and reported that there was no APL meeting for February. He said himself along with two other APL representatives (Abby Armour, Mukwonago Community Library Director, and Melissa Anderson, Jefferson Public Library Director) will rotate attending Bridges board meetings.

Resource Library: Bruce Gay reported that construction continues at the Waukesha Public Library and an open house on April 2nd has been scheduled for the community, along with showcase events

occurring the following week. They are anticipating an early-March finish for the construction on the first floor, with construction resulting in tripling the size for the community room, a makerspace, and a Carnegie Room renovation. The capital campaign, which has a goal of raising 1.5 million, has reached a donation total of \$950,000 to date and the public campaign will start soon.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Bridges Library System State Annual Report: The Annual Report will be on the March agenda.

Summer Library Program Performers' Agreements for 2022: A Wilhelm/Biermeier motion to approve the Bridges Library System 2022 Summer Library Program Presenter Agreements with Lisa Belisle-Flora Elements, Nature's Niche, Wildlife in Need Center, and Global Communication representing Sadarri & Co. as presented passed unanimously.

Next meeting: March 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. as a hybrid meeting at Bridges Library System, 741 N. Grand Ave., Suite 210, Waukesha WI 53186.

At 4:40 p.m., a Wilhelm/Yeomans motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:
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Executive Assistant

Respectfully Submitted:
Amy Reichert
Board Secretary