

Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2021

PRESENT: In person - Linda Ager, Art Biermeier, Joan Fitzgerald, Jim Heinrich, Howard Pringle, Amy Reichert, Nancy Wilhelm; Via Zoom - Dick Nawrocki, Larry Nelson, Jean Yeomans

EXCUSED: Rose Sura

OTHERS: Karol Kennedy, Bridges Library System Director; Melissa Anderson, Jefferson Public Library Director and APL representative; Danielle Igielski, Waukesha County Accounting Services Manager; Alex Klosterman, Waukesha County Senior Financial Analyst; Beth Bechtel, Bridges Library System Database Management Librarian

Call to order: Linda Ager, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in person at the Jefferson Public Library with optional attendance via Zoom.

Introductions: Introductions were completed after the call to order.

Comments from the Public: None.

Correspondence: Karol Kennedy presented a letter from the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Service (ABOS) congratulating the Bridges Library System's Library Memory Project as recipient of the 2021 Innovation in Outreach Programming Award. Articles about the award ran in both the Waukesha Freeman and the Watertown Daily Times.

Bridges Library System 2020 Audit/Comprehensive Annual Financial Report: Danielle Igielski, Waukesha County Accounting Services Manager, presented the Bridges Library System 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. A Heinrich/Wilhelm motion to accept the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as presented passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes: A Biermeier/Wilhelm motion to approve the minutes of the July 2021 meeting as presented passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS REPORT

Bills Reports: A Pringle/Yeomans motion to approve the monthly invoices for funds 210 and 215 for August 2021 as submitted passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: A Heinrich/Biermeier motion to accept the financial report as of July 2021 for funds 210 and 215 passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Bridges Director's Report: "Perks That Work" is a pilot project between the WOW (Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington) Workforce and Bridges-Waukesha County libraries to help job seekers by highlighting jobs with specific perks. Karol is in the process of hiring a replacement for the departmental executive assistant position; interviews are scheduled for next week. Next week is Trustee Training week, with online webinars presented each weekday at lunchtime. Rose Sura has resigned from the Bridges Library

System Board, as well as the Waukesha Public Library Board. After discussion, it was agreed to plan the annual Trustee appreciation event on October 6th as virtual rather than hybrid.

Bridges Staff: There were no further updates to the published monthly staff report.

APL: Melissa Anderson reported that APL had no meeting for the month of August. The next meeting will take place in September.

Resource Library: Karol reported that construction continues at Waukesha Public Library, and the library held their first Memory Café. Larry Nelson reported on Waukesha Reads' plans centered on "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2021 Library Memory Project Family Day Performer Agreement: A Wilhelm/Fitzgerald motion to approve the performer agreement passed unanimously.

Bridges Library System Strategic Plan: Karol gave a status update on the five strategic directions in the Bridges Strategic Plan: funding, advocacy, community, technology, and support. A one-year extension will be added to the current strategic plan. At their September meetings, both APL and the Bridges Board will discuss Bridges strategic planning for 2022.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.** as a hybrid meeting at **Delafield Public Library** and via ZOOM.

At 5:05 p.m., a Reichert/Heinrich motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:
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Respectfully Submitted:
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Board Secretary