

Minutes March 29, 2022  
Jefferson County Library Board Minutes  
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Dwight Foster Public Library

1. Called to Order at 4:00pm. Present: Tim Semo, Art Biermeier, Greg Haasch, Brian Henning, Joan Fitzgerald. Absent: Linda Ager and Barbara Beaver.
2. Joan Fitzgerald moved to approve past meetings minutes, seconded by Greg Haasch. Motion passed.
3. No Public Comments
4. No Correspondence
5. Administrator's report: Annual reports are being worked on and due from individual libraries. Planning to report to the County Board in August.
6. Bridges Update: Art reported on Story Corp initiative and on the upcoming Strategic Plan meeting to be held in May.
7. System Director Report: Karol confirmed that Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for May 6th in Watertown. Story Corp is well underway and going really well. Still would like to target more 55 plus participants. Reports from libraries have been received. 2023 budget process underway.
8. New Business  
Art moved to select Dwight Foster Public Library as the Resource Library, seconded by Tim. Motion Passed  
Motion by Greg to select Tim Semo as President, Barbara Beaver as Vice President and Linda Ager as Secretary. Seconded by Art. Roll Call vote: Joan, yes. Art, yes. Tim, yes, Greg, yes. Brian, yes. Motion carried. Congratulations to our officers on being reelected.
9. Funding Formula: Karol led an extensive and helpful discussion regarding the funding formula in Jefferson County.
10. Individual Library Reports:  
Peg from Watertown: Now open after construction, very positive response to the new building, lots of tours and circulation is up. Bigger size led to some changes and a partnership to share space with Watertown Family Connection.  
Gerard from Lake Mills: Recently did community survey, next step is to request new building ideas, engineer vs architect? Going with engineer. Still doing virtual children's programming until summer and then indoor in the fall.  
Stacey from Whitewater: fundraising has started for building project to start hopefully May 1. In person programming starting soon, happy to not wear masks.  
Eric from Fort Atkinson: Lots of building maintenance going on including the repair from when the car ran into the building in January! Working with County to provide tablets to court case families, and hiring a children's director.  
Jody from Johnson Creek: Fully staffed now, children's programming up and running. Second circulation area set up, many audio books donated  
Joan from Cambridge: Circulation is up, planning event for National Library Week. They are planning lots of programming, in person story time and in person Friday Flicks.  
Kelly from Waterloo: Library week big in Waterloo, Donuts on Saturday. Furnace recently died, lots of maintenance to come. Donations coming in to fund summer programming.
11. Overall circulation in the libraries is OK, but foot traffic is way down. This is especially true for families.
12. Art motioned to adjourn, Greg seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.