

Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024
Bridges Library System Office

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

Excused: Amy Reichert

OTHERS: In person: Karol Kennedy, Bridges Library System Director; Mellanie Mercier, Bridges Library System Automation Coordinator; Nicole Purifoy, Bridges Library System Executive Assistant
Via ZOOM: Bruce Gay, Waukesha Public Library Executive Director and Resource Library Representative, Kris Dexheimer, Powers Memorial Library Director and APL Representative

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/Forrest motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024, meeting as presented passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS REPORT

Bills Reports: A Heinrich/Gulig motion to approve the April 2024 monthly invoices as presented passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: A Heinrich/Wilhem motion to approve the March 2024 financial reports for funds 210 and 215 as presented passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Director: Karol gave a brief review of the 2023 Annual Report Statement Concerning Public Library System Effectiveness from the libraries' annual reports. Karol made note of the continuing discussion amongst the libraries to change the number of Hoopla instant borrow circulations allowed. The libraries have requested to move from 4 to 2 circulations by May 1, 2024. Karol also contemplated a question received from Tony regarding the process to challenge a book challenge received in a library.

APL: Kris reported that the Hoopla representatives came to the last APL meeting to further discuss the libraries' request to decrease the number of circulations allowed per patron per month. Discussion also included online registrations and Hoopla use by those with temporary online accounts. 2025 budget priorities conversation began including the topic of funding regarding OverDrive Advantage vs. Hoopla. Kris also noted there was discussion regarding privacy statutes in regard to minors aged 16-17.

Resource Library: Bruce reported the Community Engagement Manager position at the Waukesha Public Library has been filled. The library recently held a public art reception which saw 85 attendees. Bruce also gave a short recap of the PLA conference which he attended in Columbus.

Bridges Library System Member Survey Results: Karol led discussion regarding the results of the 2024 member library survey.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at New Berlin Public Library.

At 5:23 PM a Wilhelm/Knutson motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

*Minutes prepared by:
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