

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

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

Excused: Jim Heinrich, Anthony Gulig

OTHERS: In person: Karol Kennedy, Bridges Library System Director; Mellanie Mercier, Bridges Library System Automation Coordinator; Nicole Purifoy, Bridges Library System Executive Assistant; Bruce Gay, Waukesha Public Library Executive Director and Resource Library 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: Karol noted the letter received from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction regarding the approval of Bridges 2024 annual system plan and the distribution of the first payment of 2024 state aid funds.

Meeting Minutes: A Biermeier/Knutson motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023, meeting as presented passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS REPORT

Bills Reports: A Nelson/Yeomans motion to approve the 2023 year-end and the January 2024 monthly invoices as presented passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Director: Karol gave a final reminder of Library Legislative Day on February 6, 2024. She also noted that the Annual Report prefill data was sent to DPI and gave information on the coming changes to the parking structure at the Bridges office.

APL: Karol noted new officers were nominated and elected for 2024. The last meeting was held virtually due to weather conditions. Discussion topics included Maker Spaces, Hoopla, and the APL mission and vision. The 2024 APL meeting schedule was also approved.

Resource Library: Bruce stated their strategic planning was nearing completion and noted the organization being done for Library Legislative Day. Bruce also shared information about the

unveiling of a new art installation due to be unveiled at the Waukesha Public Library on February 1st. All are invited to attend.

Nominating Committee: Nancy reported that the committee has unanimously agreed to recommend Linda Ager as President, Betsy Forrest as Vice President and Jean Yeomans as Secretary.

Election of 2024 Officers: A Nelson/Biermeier motion to re-elect Linda Ager as President, Betsy Forrest as Vice President and Jean Yeomans as Secretary, by acclamation, each being the only nominee, passed unanimously.

Summer Library Program Performers' Agreements: A Yeomans/Kraus motion to approve all five Summer Library Program Performers' Agreements as presented passed unanimously.

Library Calendar Project Proposal: Karol discussed some reservations made by Corporation Counsel as to the contract as proposed. A Forrest/Knutson motion to approve the project budget up to \$39,000 passed unanimously. A Yeomans/Biermeier motion to approve a contract for the project, contingent upon Corporation Counsel's approval, passed unanimously.

Bridges Library System Strategic Plan 2023 Report: Karol reported on 2023 system initiatives and activities completed to achieve strategic objectives and specific strategies outlined in the strategic plan.

Library Legislative Day 2024: Karol reviewed documents and proposed action plans for Library Legislative Day.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. as a hybrid meeting at the Bridges Office.

At 5:01 PM a Wilhelm/Knutson motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:
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