

Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2024
New Berlin Public Library

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

Excused: Jim Heinrich, Anthony Gulig

OTHERS: In person: Karol Kennedy, Bridges Library System Director; Nicole Purifoy, Bridges Library System Executive Assistant, Bruce Gay, Waukesha Public Library Director and Resource Library Representative
Via Zoom: Kelli Mountford, Karl Junginger Memorial Library Director and APL Representative, Gerard Saylor, L.D. Fargo Public Library Director

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 made note of the state aid payment letter received from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction detailing the second payment to Bridges Library System for 2024.

Meeting Minutes: A Biermeier/Wilhelm motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2024, meeting as presented passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS REPORT

Bills Reports: A Knutson/Yeomans motion to approve the May 2024 monthly invoices as presented passed unanimously.

Financial Reports: A Kraus/Knutson motion to approve the April 2024 financial reports for funds 210 and 215 as presented passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Director: Karol reported that a new trustee, Amanda Golson, has been appointed to the Bridges Library System board by Jefferson County. Amanda replaces Anthony Gulig. Discovery layer RFP demos will take place the week of May 20th. There will be three demos total. Karol also noted that the Summer Library Treasure Hunt Adventure will kick off on June 1st and all 24 member libraries will participate.

APL: Kelli reported the last APL meeting featured significant discussion about databases for 2025 and the budget impact of these resources. The Collection HQ collection analysis tool and the potential of a Lucky Day collection in Overdrive were also discussed. The group reviewed the 2024 Bridges Library System survey results.

Resource Library: Bruce gave a short review of the 2024 WAPL Conference and noted he is currently working on a 5-year library budget forecast for the City of Waukesha. Bruce also mentioned the Friends of the Waukesha Public Library Waukesha Reads program and gave brief details regarding sponsorship.

MRA Continuing Education On-Demand Options for SEWI Partners Agreement: A Wilhelm/Forrest motion to approve the MRA Continuing Education Agreement passed unanimously as presented.

County Funding Formulas Overview: Karol led a presentation on the county funding formulas.

Next Meeting: June 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at L.D. Fargo Public Library in Lake Mills.

At 5:14 PM a Biermeier/Wilhem motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:
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