

Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2024
Dwight Foster Public Library

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

EXCUSED: Amanda Golson

OTHERS: In person: Karol Kennedy, Bridges Library System Director; Mellanie Mercier, Bridges Library System Automation Coordinator; Nicole Purifoy, Bridges Library System Executive Assistant; Minetta Lippert, Dwight Foster Public Library Director, Jodi Kessel Szpiszar, Johnson Creek Public 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/Wilhelm motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2024, meeting as presented passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS REPORT

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

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

REPORTS

Director: Karol gave a brief overview of Trustee Training Week, set to take place August 19th-23rd. Karol noted the Jefferson County Library Service Board will meet in the following week and discussion will include the 2025 budget. Minimum to Exempt tax information will be released prior to the in the August 21st Bridges Board meeting. Karol also reported that she will give a presentation to the Town of Merton Board in the upcoming week.

APL: Jodi reported that the last APL meeting was held virtually, and the main topic of discussion was the Bridges 2025 budget. An increase of library visitors due to the Library Treasure Hunt Adventure was also discussed.

Resource Library: Betsy (for Bruce Gay) reported on the success of the Summer Reading Program, noting a high number of participants have already completed the program. Betsy also indicated that the newly hired Patron Relations Specialist and the Children's Librarian would soon start at the Waukesha Public Library. The Waukesha library card holder map is being developed with help from the City of Waukesha GIS department. A postcard with library information will be sent to households without library cards. Betsy also noted that the Friends of the Waukesha Public Library held a successful fundraiser for the Waukesha Reads program.

Preliminary Bridges Library System 2025 Budget: A Yeomans/Knutson motion to accept the preliminary Bridges Library System 2025 budget as presented passed unanimously.

Berg Management Lease Agreement Extension: A Wilhem/Kraus motion to approve the Berg Management lease agreement extension as presented passed unanimously.

Action Logistics Contract Extension for Delivery Services: A Heinrich/Biermeier motion to approve the Action Logistics Contract Extension for delivery services as presented passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at Johnson Creek Public Library.

At 5:25 PM a Biermeier/Yeomans motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:
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