

Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025
Bridges Library System Office

PRESENT: In person: Linda Ager, Art Biermeier, Betsy Forrest, Jim Heinrich, Diane Knutson, Nancy Wilhelm, Jean Yeomans
Via Zoom: Amanda Golson, Robert Kraus

EXCUSED: Larry Nelson

OTHERS: In person: Karol Kennedy, Bridges Library System Director; Mellanie Mercier, Bridges Library System Automation Coordinator; Nicole Purifoy, Bridges Library System Executive Assistant; Jodi Kessel Szpizar, Johnson Creek Public Library Director and APL Representative; Bruce Gay, Waukesha Public Library Executive Director and Resource Library Representative; Joshua Selje, Waukesha County Financial Analyst
Via Zoom: Diane Knauer, Alice Baker Memorial Library Board Member; Hannah Lang, Alice Baker Memorial Library Board Member

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 Wilhelm/Biermeier motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2024, meeting as presented passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS REPORT

Bills Reports: A Heinrich/Yeomans motion to approve the Year-End 2024 invoices and the January 2025 monthly invoices as presented passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Director: Karol reported on the selection of a new Bridges board member to be approved by the Waukesha County Board. The Coordinator of Library Development position has been posted and will close on January 31, 2025. Karol also gave a brief recap of a Delafield Public Library Board meeting she attended.

APL: Karol reported that the APL Committee elected officers for 2025 and assigned APL representatives for the 2025 Bridges board meetings. Discussion also included Library Legislative Day 2025, annual reports and the Bridges Director Search Committee.

Resource Library: Bruce reported on the completion of Waukesha Public Library's 2024 capital project, improving lighting in the library's atrium. Bruce also gave a short report on the 2025 Waukesha Reads program and made note of grants the library will apply for in 2025.

Nominating Committee: Nancy noted the committee has unanimously nominated Linda Ager as President, Betsy Forrest as Vice President and Jean Yeomans as Secretary.

Election of Officers for 2025: Following a Heinrich/Biermeier motion to close all nominations, which passed unanimously, Linda Ager, Betsy Forrest and Jean Yeomans were unanimously re-elected as President, Vice President and Secretary, respectively, by acclamation.

Bader Philanthropies Grant Agreement: A Wilhelm/Forrest motion to approve the Bader Philanthropies Grant Agreement, as presented, passed unanimously.

Bridges Library System Director Search: The Bridges Personnel Committee met on January 6, 2025 to discuss the formation of the Bridges Director Search Committee and the overall director search process moving forward.

Bridges Library System Strategic Plan 2024 Report: Karol presented the Bridges Library System Strategic Plan 2024 Report.

Library Funding Overview: Karol gave a brief presentation on library funding.

Preparing for Library Legislative Day 2025: Karol gave a reminder of Library Legislative Day and briefly discussed the event's itinerary.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bridges Library System office.

At 5:33 PM a Knutson/Biermeier motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

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