



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

La Crosse Public Library  
800 Main Street  
La Crosse WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Library Board

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Tuesday, September 5, 2017

12:15 PM

La Crosse Main Library - Director's Office  
800 Main Street

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#### PERSONNEL & BUDGET COMMITTEE

#### Call to Order

*Those in attendance:*

*Gary Padesky, Jodi Ehrenberger, Board president Bev Ruston, Loretta Kilmer, Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Lou Kalis, Russ McClintock*

#### Agenda Items:

##### 1. Approval of Bills

*The list of bills was presented. There being nothing out of the ordinary, but lacking a quorum, it was the consensus of those present to recommend approval of the bills to the full Board.*

##### 2. Vacancy Updates

*Kelly reported that Cynthia and Dawn were moving forward in filling the vacancies in their respective departments, and that no new vacancies had occurred.*

##### 3. Request for Carryover Funding

*Kelly formally requested \$13,000 from the carryover fund to replace the clocks at Main library. Extensive discussion ensued. Russ and Lou reported on the problems currently being experienced, and the high cost of repair calls. It was noted that this was a significant amount of money to spend on something not related to direct library service, but the amount was not large enough to allow other projects to move forward, or to address other priorities such as the critical need to replace the fire panel. It was the consensus of those present to recommend approval to the full Board of the use of up to \$13,000 from the carryover fund to replace the clock system.*

#### 4. 2018 Budget

*The balance of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the 2018 budget and various salary adjustments that Kelly brought forward at the request of three different managers. Kelly emphasized the following points:*

- The proposed budget would keep the city's allocation to LPL the same as 2017, but over \$40,000 would be needed from carryover to balance it, thus making it a deficit budget.*
- Contrary to the Mayor's directive, non-salary expenses are not being kept at 2017 levels, but will be offset by the contribution from carryover.*
- The proposed budget does not change the levels of service, including hours of operation.*

*Lacking a quorum, it was the consensus of those present to hold off on any recommendation until the salaries recommendations could be discussed by the full Board.*

#### Adjournment