



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

La Crosse Public Library
800 Main Street
La Crosse WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

5:00 PM

La Crosse Main Library - Auditorium
800 Main Street

Agenda

1. Call to Order

PRESENT:

Bev Ruston, Suzanne Anglehart, Katie Bittner, Judy Bouffleur, Jodi Ehrenberger, Gary Padesky, Araysa Simpson, Sara Sullivan

EXCUSED:

Randy Nelson

The Chair, Ms. Ruston, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2017.

(Jodi Ehrenberger / Sara Sullivan) Carried

3. Mission Moment / Appointment of New Member to Library Operations Committee

Ms. Ruston shared a thank you card from Therese Smith.

Suzanne Anglehart was appointed to the Library Operations Committee.

4. Approval of Bills & Financial Reports

Motion to approve the bills and financial reports for August 2017.

(Jodi Ehrenberger / Gary Padesky) Carried

5. Reports

5.1 Director's Report

5.11 Update on Vacancies

There are no new vacancies.

5.12 American Libraries Article

Ms. Krieg-Sigman will forward article link to the Board. Ms. Ruston asked that she also forward to the Mayor and members of the City Council.

5.13 New Logo and Website

The new logo and website will be unveiled in December.

5.14 Friends Art Reception Fundraiser

Ms. Krieg-Sigman provided details for the fundraiser at Behind the Brewery Gallery on September 21.

5.15 Senior Center Option for SCL Combined Use

Ms. Krieg-Sigman will attend the September 28 meeting to continue discussion of combined usage.

*Motion to direct Ms. Krieg-Sigman to draft a resolution in conceptual support of combined usage for South Community Library and the Senior Center.
(Judy Bouffleur / Jodi Ehrenberger) Carried*

Ms. Krieg-Sigman also noted The World We Live In event where she will be presented with a \$1,000 check for the banner project.

5.2 Committee Reports

5.21 Personnel & Budget

5.211 Request for Carryover Funding – Replacement of Clock System

*Motion to approve the use of up to \$13,000 from the library's carryover reserve fund to replace the existing clocks in the Main library building.
(Jodi Ehrenberger / Sara Sullivan) Carried*

5.22 Library Operations

5.221 Library Collaboration with MTU

*Motion to direct Ms. Krieg-Sigman to begin investigating comparable public libraries and cities to find out if they have a bus stop located at the public library, and that she submit a report to the Board at the November meeting.
(Araysa Simpson / Judy Bouffleur) Carried*

*Motion to direct Ms. Krieg-Sigman to open a dialogue with the MTU director to explore options for free/reduced fares on the city buses for those wishing to go to any LPL location, and that she submit a report to the Board at the November meeting.
(Araysa Simpson / Judy Bouffleur) Carried*

*Motion to amend the above motion to include the MTU board in the dialogue regarding options.
(Araysa Simpson / Judy Bouffleur) Carried*

Motion to direct Ms. Krieg-Sigman and management team to develop a comprehensive report on options for service extension, with said report presented to the library board before the April cycle of meetings, and to include funding suggestions including possible sponsorships.

(Araysa Simpson / Judy Bouffleur) Carried

Motion to amend the above motion with the report to be presented to the library board at the January meeting.

(Araysa Simpson / Judy Bouffleur) Carried

5.222 Feasibility of Bookmobile Service & Other Options for Service Outreach

Motion to direct Ms. Krieg-Sigman to ask for an additional \$97,875 to restore branch hours to 40 hours/week.

(Gary Padesky / Katie Bittner)

Carried 5 to 2, Bouffleur and Ehrenberger voting nay

6. Old Business

6.1 2018 Budget & Hours – Formal Approval

The budget goes before the Board of Estimates on Monday September 18.

6.2 Review of Library Board Bylaws

Did not review.

6.3 Fire Panel Replacement - Status

Mr. Padesky will submit a request to the Common Council for \$250,000 at the October meeting.

7. Public Comment

Members of the public spoke in support of restoring hours at both the North and South Community libraries.

Catherine Ellingson was welcomed to the Board as the new School District representative.

8. Topics for Future Meetings

8.1 Partnership with Parks & Recreation

9. Adjournment

Time: 6:24 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

(Sara Sullivan / Suzanne Anglehart) Carried