



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

La Crosse Public Library
800 Main Street
La Crosse WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

5:15 PM

La Crosse Main Library - Auditorium
800 Main Street

SPECIAL MEETING

Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order

PRESENT:

Sue Anglehart, Katie Bittner, Judy Bouffleur, Cat Ellingson, Kathy Ivey, Gary Padesky, Araysa Simpson, Jodi Ehrenberger (arrived 5:25)

EXCUSED:

Sara Sullivan

The Vice- Chair, Mr. Padesky, called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

2. Review / Approval of 2019 Operating Budget

In order to focus discussion, Ms. Krieg-Sigman reported the following:

- *The Library's presentation to the BOE has been re-scheduled from 9/10 to 9/17. This allows the Library Board to have two more opportunities during their September cycle of meetings to refine their budget if need be, but numbers have to be input into MUNIS by 8/23.*
- *The Mayor's directive to all departments is to submit a budget where the amount of non-salary and benefits expenses is the same as 2018. Because utilities and security costs have increased, the library will need to decrease expenses somewhere else by \$7,803.*
- *Since 2011, staffing has decreased by 16%, from 69 budgeted FTEs in 2011 down to 58 budgeted FTEs for 2019. Over the same time period, salaries and fringe benefits have increased by 7%, or, less than 1% per year.*
- *The materials budget for 2019, if unchanged, will be 14% less than it was in 2011.*
- *The electricity budget for 2019, if unchanged, will be 14% more than it was in 2011.*

The Board reviewed all the budget documentation provided, including reports pertaining to the average yearly earnings of the Special Trustees' Fund and the average increase in the city's allocation since 2011. After exploring various options for reducing the non-salaries expenses by \$7,803, and based on a suggestion from the library's business manager, the Board decided that in order to meet the Mayor's directive, the materials budget would be reduced by \$7,900, and this amount would be made up from the Give-A-Gift fund.

Motion to reduce the 2019 materials-circulation budget line item by \$7,900 in order to meet the mayoral mandate of no increases in the total of non-salaries/fringe benefits expenses, approve the non-salaries/fringe benefits budget as revised, and to direct staff to input said budget into the MUNIS system at a total non-salaries/fringe benefits expenses of \$969,949.

(Gary Padesky / Katie Bittner) Carried

3. Adjournment

Time: 6:20 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

(Gary Padesky / Cat Ellingson) Carried