



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

La Crosse Public Library
800 Main Street
La Crosse WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

4:30 PM

La Crosse Main Library - Auditorium
800 Main Street

1. Call to Order

PRESENT:

Jodi Ehrenberger, Sue Anglehart, Katie Bittner, Shelley Hay, Gary Padesky, Kathy Ivey (arrived 4:55 p.m.)

EXCUSED:

Jeff Bagniefski, Cat Ellingson, Araysa Simpson

The Chair, Ms. Ehrenberger, called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

2. Mission Moment / Capable Canines of Wisconsin

Eve Zellmer, president of Capable Canines of Wisconsin, visited with a puppy in training named Haven. She provided an overview of the organization, and explained their programs and services.

3. Approval of Minutes

The board noted how detailed and thorough the minutes were, and expressed appreciation to the Recording Secretary, Elaine Petersen.

**Motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2019.
(Gary Padesky / Sue Anglehart) Carried**

4. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting

**Motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019.
(Gary Padesky / Sue Anglehart) Carried**

5. Approval of Bills & Financial Reports

Ms. Ehrenberger mentioned concerns about staff using airbnbs when traveling as there have been recent safety issues. The board would like further investigation prior to staff using these accommodations in the future.

**Motion to approve the bills and financial reports for October 2019.
(Katie Bittner / Gary Padesky) Carried**

6. Reports

6.1 Director's Report

Ms. Grant recognized Ms. Ehrenberger's service as Chair, and thanked her on behalf of the board and library staff for her guidance and support. Ms. Ehrenberger expressed her appreciation, saying it was an honor to serve.

6.11 Vacancy Reports

Managers are currently interviewing for five part-time library assistant positions. Many applications have been received from several diverse posting sites. Twenty people are being interviewed.

The Senior Data Systems Specialist position will be posted soon.

6.12 2020 Budget

Ms. Grant will be attending the special council meeting tonight regarding the 2020 Operating Budget approval.

6.13 Capital Improvements

Ms. Grant noted that Mayor Kabat changed the wording in the 2020 to 2024 CIP budget, replacing "Special Trustees" with "Library Contributions" instead.

6.2 Committee of the Whole Report

6.21 Discussion to Fund Roof Replacement for Solar Panel Project

Ms. Grant provided a handout of potential funding sources and explained the unspent allocations from each. Concern was expressed about using funds from the North Community Library technology enhancement project before it's completion. A discussion followed on various options available. It was noted that these monies could be used for the roof project, and money from Special Trustees could be used to help finish the North Community Library project, as patron enrichment is more in line with the preferred use of these funds.

Motion to allocate \$151,114.11 to the roof project at Main from the following unspent funding sources: \$78,319.43 - MSR/Southside Project; \$13,982.39 - City Senior Center Resolution #18-0359; \$58,812.29 – CIP 18040 North Community Library Technology Enhancement.

(Katie Bittner / Sue Anglehart) Carried

The Board will review carryover when it is finalized as another potential source. Ms. Grant will follow up with Mayor Kabat.

6.22 Approval of Reporting Responsibility in Employment Policy

Motion to adopt City's Reporting Responsibility in Employment Policy.

(Sue Anglehart / Katie Bittner) Carried

7. Old Business

7.1 By-Law Suspension Discussion

Bylaws will be discussed further at the upcoming retreat.

*Motion to suspend Article III, section C of the Library Board of Trustees Bylaws for the next three months and meet as a Committee of the Whole on Monday December 2, 2019, Monday January 6, 2020, and Monday February 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
(Sue Anglehart / Gary Padesky) Carried*

8. New Business

8.1 Transition of Officers

Ms. Ehrenberger officially resigned the Chair and passed her duties to Ms. Anglehart.

*Motion to nominate Kathy Ivey for Vice-President.
(Gary Padesky / Jodi Ehrenberger) Carried*

9. Public Comment / Other

Mr. Padesky shared that Jeff Bagniefski was unable to attend the meeting as his father recently passed away.

10. Topics for Future Meetings

10.1 Investment Strategy / Use of Special Trustee's Fund

The subject of investment strategies was raised during the COW meeting, and will be placed on a future agenda.

Ms. Anglehart reminded the board of the December 7 retreat beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The MSR project was mentioned, and will be further discussed at the retreat.

11. Adjournment

Time: 5:37 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.
(Jodi Ehrenberger / Katie Bittner) Carried