



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

La Crosse Public Library
800 Main Street
La Crosse WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Monday, November 30, 2020

5:00 PM

Video Conference

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Call to Order

Present:

Kathy Ivey, Sue Anglehart, Gary Padesky, Araysa Simpson, Keonte Turner, Katie Bittner (5:11pm)

Absent:

Jodi Ehrenberger, Cat Ellingson, Shelley Hay

Vice-Chair Kathy Ivey called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Agenda

1. Proposed Library Hours for 1st Quarter of 2021

Shanneon noted the change to hours in June due to a reduction in force, as well as staff furloughs. Full hours will not be restored to pre-COVID immediately, current hours will be maintained through the end of the year. The proposed increase for 1st quarter is from 36 to 48 hours, restoring hours on Wednesdays and expanding hours on Saturdays. The new hours would be Monday – Saturday 10:00am – 6:00pm (closed Sunday) and would begin January 4th 2021. These hours would provide consistency, and should be sustainable through possible staff outbreaks. These hours will be assessed and could be adjusted going into 2nd quarter. The Board felt this was a good plan moving forward. It was suggested that the Library Director's authority to adjust public access hours be extended past December 31, 2020 so she is able to respond to changing safety needs and staffing levels during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Holiday Closures Dates 2021

Shanneon shared the holiday closure dates for 2021, and explained how closure for holidays that fall on the weekend are determined. She also noted that the library tries to stay consistent with City Hall.

3. 2021 Library Board and Committee of the Whole Meeting Dates

Library Board and Committee of the Whole 2021 meeting dates were shared with the Board for scheduling purposes.

Adjournment

Kathy Ivey adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 5:35 p.m.