

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

January 28, 2015 Meeting

Conference Room-West Allis Public Library
7421 W National Avenue

Mrs. Mikolajewski called the January 28, 2015 Library Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Fischer-Toerpe, Ms. Johns-Konkol, Mrs. Karrels, Alderperon Probst,
Mrs. Mikolajewski, Ms. Suelzer, Mr. Thomson, Ms. Wadewitz

Excused: Ms. Wenzel

Staff present: Michael Koszalka, Library Director
Lisa VandenBoom, Librarian IV

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Wadewitz moved to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting as received.
Second by Ms. Suelzer. Motion carried.

Statements by Citizens

None.

(Ms. Johns-Konkol present at this point)

Correspondence

The letter from Michael Koszalka, Library Director, to Dennis Stevens will be discussed under agenda item # 2.

A copy of a letter from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to Michael Koszalka, Library Director, dated December 19, 2014 was noted. The letter details a grant transfer of \$9,169 from the Irv H Terchak Endowment Fund to the West Allis Public Library.

A letter from Michael Koszalka, Library Director, to Michael White, dated January 2, 2015 was noted. It presents the options Mr. White has for appealing his revocation of library privileges.

A document sent by Senator Tim Carpenter to Michael Koszalka, Library Director, was noted. The 101th regular session of the Wisconsin Senate was adjourned in honor of the West Allis Public Library in recognition of the many times the Senator has used our meeting room for town hall sessions.

Reports- Claims and Finance

The Board reviewed the January Claims and Finance Report. Alderperson Probst moved to accept the report as written, including the acceptance of Claim Numbers 04470 to 04521 for a total of \$224,836.92.

New Business

1. MCFLS Update

Paul Ziehler was reappointed to the MCFLS Board and is again the president of the Board.

MCFLS has signed with WILS to undertake strategic planning. They will be conducting a survey of member libraries in February. Results will be released in March and meetings with WILS will take place. The plan is expected to be completed by May.

MCFLS has expressed its concerns about the results of the COLAND (Wisconsin Council on Library and Network Development) study, including their vision of a single ILS and statewide delivery system.

2. Recommendation from the Library Director to revoke the library privileges of a library patron

The board reviewed the incidents involving Dennis Stevens as outlined in Mr. Koszalka's November 26, 2014 letter. Mr. Fischer-Toerpe moved to accept the recommendation of the Library Director to revoke the library privileges of Mr. Stevens. Second by Mrs. Karrels. Motion carried.

3. Trustee Essentials, Chapter 23- Dealing with Challenges to Materials and Policies

The Board reviewed key elements in this chapter.

Director's Report

- On January 20th the new West Allis City Administrator, Rebecca Grill, visited the library and was given a tour of the library.
- At the recent Friend's Board meeting, the library wishlist was approved in its entirety.
- Pat Graf, Children's Services Supervisor, will be retiring at the end of February.
- Lisa VandenBoom's promotion was made official January 20th, 2015 and she is now a Librarian IV.
- The first edition of the library newsletter, *From the Stacks*, was released. It will come out quarterly and has been well received.
- The library will be looking into subscribing to a digital magazine collection in the near future.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Suelzer moved to adjourn. Second by Ms. Wadewitz. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Karrels, Secretary