

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

May 27, 2015 Meeting

Conference Room-West Allis Public Library
7421 W National Avenue

Mrs. Mikolajewski called the May 27, 2015 Library Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Fischer-Toerpe, Mrs. Karrels, Mrs. Mikolajewski,
Alderson Probst, Mr. Thomson, Ms. Wadewitz, Ms. Wenzel

Excused: Ms. Johns Konkol, Ms. Sulezer

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

Also present: Alderson Dan Roadt

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Wenzel moved to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2015 meeting as received. Second by Mr. Fischer-Toerpe. Motion carried.

(Alderson Probst present at this point)

Statements by Citizens

Alderson Dan Roadt asked the Library Board to reconsider the acquisition of a public use wheelchair for the library. Discussion ensued.

(Mrs. Karrels present at this point)

Correspondence

A copy of a letter from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to Michael Koszalka, Library Director, dated April 2015 was noted. The letter includes a chart detailing historical returns on investments and the current Irv Terchak Fund statement.

A copy of a letter dated April 22, 2015 from Janice Gem, President of the Milwaukee branch of the Slovenian Union of America to Michael Koszalka, Library Director was noted. It details a donation of \$100.00 to be used for Earth Day books.

Reports-Claims and Finance

The Board reviewed the March Claims and Finance Report. Ms. Wenzel moved to accept the report as presented, including approval of claim numbers 4624 to 4654 totaling \$132,203.39. Second by Ms. Wadewitz. Motion carried.

New Business

1. MCFLS Update

Michael Koszalka, Library Director, discussed the MCFLS Core Strategic Directions that were produced during the MCFLS strategic planning process. A copy was included in tonight's packet. He will meet with Bruce Gay, MCFLS Director, next week to discuss reciprocal borrowing.

2. Trustee Essentials, Chapter 27- Trustee Orientation and Continuing Education

The Board reviewed the key elements in this chapter. Interest was expressed in trustee training opportunities. Michael Koszalka, Library Director, will ask MCFLS if they will offer training.

3. West Allis A La Carte-June 7th, 2015

Karen Mikolajewski confirmed who would be covering the various shifts at the West Allis Public Library table.

Director's Report

Mr. Koszalka reported:

- Beth Henika will replace Pat Graf as Children's supervisor. She has worked at the North Shore Library since 2007 and worked at Hales Corners Library as an intern. Emma Cobb was hired as a part time Librarian I. She currently works at New Berlin Public Library and Menomonee Falls Public Library.
- The new reading garden chairs and benches have been ordered and will hopefully be here by mid June.
- The library is slated to have landscaping work done by the Forestry department this year.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Wenzel moved to adjourn. Second by Alderperson Probst. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Karrels, Secretary