

LIBRARY BOARD
June 24, 2020

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UNFINISHED

A regular meeting of the Library Board, City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin was held Wednesday, June 24, 2020 utilizing the Zoom app.

The meeting was called to order by President DeWayna Cherrington at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Council Member Sherry Bublitz, DeWayna Cherrington, Debra Goeks, Sue Karlman, Joycelyn Russo, Meghan Wielebski

Excused: Todd Bugnacki

Also Present: Library Director Linda Pierschalla

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

President DeWayna Cherrington acknowledged that the agenda for this meeting was distributed and posted in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings law.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Pierschalla asked for two corrections to clarify the discussion of Bills and Financial Statements at the May 27 meeting. These corrections are:

1. In the first paragraph under Approval of Bills and Financial Statements, add this after the end of the second sentence: “Director Pierschalla redirected \$8,000 from the book budget to cover the shortfall in fine revenue.”
2. In the same section of the minutes, change first sentence of second paragraph to read: “Expenses for purchasing additional supplies needed to deal with the pandemic (Plexiglas screens, cleaning supplies, etc.) have been submitted to City Hall for reimbursement.” This replaces the entire first sentence of the second paragraph.

Motion made by Council Member Bublitz, seconded by Sue Karlman, to approve the May 27, 2020 minutes with the corrections requested by Director Pierschalla. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Council Member Bublitz, DeWayna Cherrington, Debra Goeks, Sue Karlman, Joycelyn Russo, Meghan Wielebski voting aye and Todd Buganacki excused.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Director Pierschalla reviewed the financial statements and bills for the past month.

Motion made by Debra Goeks, seconded by Meghan Wielebski, to approve the bills and financial statements as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Council Member Bublitz,

DeWayna Cherrington, Debra Goeks, Sue Karlman, Joycelyn Russo, Meghan Wielebski voting aye and Todd Buganacki excused.

REPORTS

Director's Report

Director Pierschalla summarized the staff report. DeWayna Cherrington noted that the Friends' outdoor book sale will be held on Saturday, July 18. Director Pierschalla noted that the Library and the Friends of the Library helped Festivals with the virtual Strawberry Fest.

The Beaver Dam Public Library has joined the Monarch System and will add all its materials to the MLS catalog.

Director Pierschalla noted that the Cedarburg Public Library wants to offer all Cedarburg School District students a virtual library card that will allow access to all the library's digital resources, and is working with the Cedarburg School District Library Advisory Committee to make that happen. The goal is to offer this to all students beginning in the new school term.

The Board discussed the Cedarburg Public Library's reopening plan. The Ozaukee-Washington County Health Department has indicated that building occupancy can be increased from 25% to 50 - 75%. Board Members talked about allowing visits to the library longer than 30 minutes (up to 2 hours) and re-opening the study rooms, alternating rooms so that someone doesn't occupy the same room immediately after another person.

Director Pierschalla reported that people are signing up for the Summer Reading Program. Registration is almost at a level with last year, even though activities are online this year.

SCHOOL REPORT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider Eliminating Fines on Library Material; and Action Thereon

Director Pierschalla reviewed the information about eliminating fines that she distributed to the Board. The Board Members talked about what the best timing might be, how to educate people about the issue, and how to best implement this policy. The Board asked Director Pierschalla to develop some statistics to support the argument for going fine-free; the Board Members declined to take action at this time, due to concerns about the budget and how the Council would receive this idea.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Discuss Preliminary 2021 Budget; and Action Thereon

Director Pierschalla reviewed the preliminary budget and discussed her concerns and priorities for the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Debra Goeks, seconded by Council Member Bublitz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Council Member Bublitz, DeWayna Cherrington, Debra Goeks, Sue Karlman, Joycelyn Russo, Meghan Wielebski voting aye and Todd Buganacki excused.

Debra Goeks
Secretary

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