



2010 WISCONSIN LIBRARY OF THE YEAR

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Minutes
Monona Public Library Board
Board Room
Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 7 pm

I. Roll Call

Library Board Trustees Present: Ben Redding, President; Todd Stebbins, Vice President; Jennifer Fonner, School Board Representative; Brett Blomme and Sue Carr, Community Representatives

Library Staff Present: Erick Plumb, Library Director; Sally Buffat, Business Coordinator

Trustees Absent with Prior Approval: Doug Wood, Alderperson; Val Edwards, Community Representative

II. Call to Order

Presiding Officer Redding called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock.

III. Approve March 28, 2016, Minutes

Trustee Blomme motioned, seconded by Trustee Carr, to approve the March 28, 2016, minutes.

Discussion: Blomme noted a correction.

Motion to approve corrected minutes passed unanimously.

IV. Appearances

Mary Anne Reed, 5602 Winnequah Road, Monona, appeared to hear about the amended Internet Access Policy and to express her opinion as part of the public hearing.

Erick Plumb also received two (2) emails on the subject of internet filtering that he shared with the Board; see attached.

V. Public Hearing

A. To Receive Public Input Regarding Proposed Amended Internet Access Policy
Board President Redding summarized the Amended Internet Access Policy and read aloud from paragraph VI. E. "Monona Public Library filters all Internet computers and wireless signals available through the library. Adult patrons age 17 years and older may elect to disable the filter for unrestricted Internet access for any lawful purpose that meets Monona Public Library guidelines." Redding summarized the different opinions the Board has debated.

Director Plumb pointed out that each participating library has the flexibility to let South Central Library System know if a particular site should or should not be blocked, and that patrons can self-report a request to review a particular website.

The Board recommended Plumb contact Monona Grove High School so that teachers can white-list any sites they deem appropriate for student assignments.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Bill Payments, March 24 – April 13, 2016

Trustee Carr motioned, seconded by Trustee Fonner, to approve bill payments.
Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Financial Report, March 2016

Trustee Stebbins motioned, seconded by Trustee Fonner, to approve the financial report.
Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Board Action Items

A. Unfinished Business

i. Approve Amended Internet Access Policy

Trustee Fonner motioned, seconded by Trustee Blomme, to approve the amended Internet Access Policy.

Discussion: Each Board member had an opportunity to voice additional opinions.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. New Business

i. Elect New Library Board President

Trustee Stebbins moved to nominate Community Representative Sue Carr to serve as Board President. Carr accepted the nomination.

Motion passed unanimously.

ii. Approve Library Staying Open till 9 pm for Gallery Night, May 6, 2016

Trustee Blomme motioned, seconded by Trustee Fonner, to approve the Library staying open till 9 o'clock on Friday, May 6, for Gallery Night.

Motion passed unanimously.

iii. Approve Serving Wine in the Library in Conjunction with Gallery Night, May 6, 2016

Trustee Stebbins motioned, seconded by Trustee Fonner, to approve serving wine in the Library on Friday, May 6, for Gallery Night.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Library Director Report

A. Administrative Report Late-March through Mid-April

B. Fundraising Update

Plumb reported that after re-posting the position, he received one qualified applicant for the half-time Children's Librarian position. To fill the immediate Youth Services need, he will hire a LTE employee to work from May 1 – July 31.

On April 18, Kathy Thomas retired from City Council after 34 years of service to the City of Monona. The Library is indebted to Alder Thomas for being a major supporter throughout those years.

Plumb thanked the Board for coordinating such an enjoyable staff & volunteer appreciation event last month.

Fundraising Update

The fundraising subcommittee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 12, 5:45 at the Library. Chris Marsh is organizing a Paint & Wine Night at the Library, tentatively scheduled for a Thursday evening in June.

Jen Falkowski is heading up a community-wide Scavenger Hunt, schedule the weekend of September 16-18.

We need to determine a chairperson for the Mardi Gras / masquerade event, scheduled for the last Saturday in January, the 28th this coming year.

IX. Announcements

- A. Recognition of Ben Redding's Years of Service to the Library Board, 2009 - 2016
- B. Next Monona Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 17 at 7 pm
- C. Friends of Monona Library Board Meeting, Thursday, May 5 at 6:45 pm
- D. Gallery Night at Monona Library, Friday, May 6 from 5-9 pm

Plumb announced the Monona Library Foundation Board will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 pm in the Library Board Room.

Plumb recognized Ben Redding for his years of service to the Board, serving four of his seven years as Board President.

XI. Adjournment

Trustee Blomme motioned, seconded by Trustee Fonner, to adjourn the meeting. Presiding Officer Stebbins adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Attachments: Meg Kramarz email, Cathy Bernards email