

Minutes
Monona Public Library Board
Board Room
March 19, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Library Board Trustees Present: Sue Carr, President; Todd Stebbins, Vice President; Molly Grupe, Alderperson; Roselyn Ebel, Secretary; and Mary Anderson, Community Representatives; Jennifer Fonner, School Board Representative
Library Board Trustees Absent: Erinn Monroe-Nye, Community Representative
Library Staff Present: Ryan Claringbole, Director

II. Call to Order

Secretary Ebel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

III. Appearances

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Alderperson Grupe motioned to approve Minutes dated February 19, 2019. Trustee Fonner seconded. Motion passed.

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Trustee Ebel motioned to approve Bill Payments for February 2019. Trustee Fonner seconded. Motion passed.
Director Claringbole shared additional information about programming spending. There will also be some differences with the city provided reports vs. the library's report because of the time delay when the city pays bills.
- B. Trustee Ebel motioned to approve the Financial Report for February 2019. Trustee Fonner seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Library Director's Report

- A. Administrative report February through Mid-March
The children's programming has seen a 50% increase in attendance. The increase has occurred in conjunction with class visits that have programming included with them.

Director Claringbole shared the possibility of the library joining other SCLS libraries in the purchasing of an annual movie license, which could be potentially used for adult and teen, possibly children's programming. Alderperson Grupe mentioned other city departments that show movies, but the library would have the opportunity to do programming, which would make the library offering unique. Trustee Anderson asked if other groups would be allowed to also use the licensing, such as community groups who wanted to host a film fest within the library, or is it

strictly the library. Director Claringbole shared that yes, other groups could also use it. Trustee Fonner mentioned films could be paired with books. The board seemed to think the price is reasonable for the opportunity it presents. Pricing is based on service population.

Director Claringbole shared a bit about the backgrounds of each individual recently hired, an LA I, the Project Coordinator for the One Community, Many Voices initiative, and an LTE position to get the Power Lab opened. The LTE is approximately for 70+ hours.

Director Claringbole shared additional data dashboards, including circulation numbers broken down in different time increments.

VII. Board Discussion Topics

- A. Books, movies, and show recommendations.
The board shared their recommendations.

- B. Strategic Plan Committee Update
Director Claringbole shared that the first community conversation is April 4, with 14 RSVPed yes. 432 responses English-language responses to date, surpassing the overall response goal. Director Claringbole shared some preliminary data points. Vice President Stebbins inquired if there were any outreach efforts to reach the Spanish-speaking population; Director Claringbole is working with Rosita's on Monona Drive to increase responses in this area; Trustee Anderson also mentioned Director Claringbole could reach out to a school contact to send out the survey possibly. The survey closes April 6.

- C. Once Community, Many Voices Project Update
Some meetings are occurring to put together key partnerships. Volunteer training is about to be underway to conduct interviews and timelines are being set. Director Claringbole also put in for additional IMLS grant money to extend the Project Coordinator position; he is awaiting response. The largest challenge currently is marketing and finding the resources to put together for additional marketing time. Director Claringbole will have an estimate soon of how much is needed in terms of additional funding.

VIII. Closed Session

- A. Under Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering Employment, Promotion, Compensation, or Performance Evaluation of Any Public Employee Over Which the Government Body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility (Compensation of Public Employee). Alderperson Grupe motioned to move into Closed Session. Vice President Stebbins seconded. Motioned passed by roll call at 8:02 p.m.

- B. Alderperson Grupe motioned to reconvene in Open Session under Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85. Trustee Fonner seconded. Motion passed and open session reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

IX. Announcements

Next Library Board meeting is Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 11 is the annual city volunteer appreciation event at the community center at 5:30 p.m.

The library staff and volunteer appreciation is Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the library.

X. Adjournment

Alderperson Grupe motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Fonner seconded. President Carr adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Roselyn Ebel
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