

River Falls Library Board of Trustees Minutes Monday, April 4, 2022

Note: Meeting was conducted as a hybrid (in-person and virtual) meeting.

Present: Rebecca Ferguson, Tanya Misselt, Kari Henselman, Whitney Rudesill, Joyce Breen, Ruth Kuss, Kim Kiiskenen, and Callie Trautmiller (Foundation member).
Virtual attendees: Mike Metro, Allyssa Mueller, Wayne Roen
Absent: Jean Ritzinger

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Ferguson at 6:35 pm.

Quorum: A quorum was established.

Open Meeting Law: Director Tanya Misselt confirmed the meeting was properly noticed.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Kari Henselman, seconded by Joyce Breen. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes made by Joyce Breen, seconded by Whitney Rudesill. Motion carried.

Action Items:

1. Motion made by Ruth Kuss to approve the closure of the library for a citywide staff recognition luncheon from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Tuesday, May 10, seconded by Alyssa Mueller. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Wayne Roen to approve the February bills and a portion of the March bills in the amount of \$21,801.32, seconded by Joyce Breen. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

National Library Week, sponsored by the American Library Association, is being celebrated April 4-9; RFPL staff are emphasizing the library's new fine-free status with "fine-o-saurus" (dinosaurs are extinct and so are fines) t-shirts, also given to both library trustees and foundation members.

The MORE libraries are promoting a "Passport Program" from April 4 through July 15 this year to encourage library patrons throughout western and northern Wisconsin to visit other libraries in the system.

The library is also sponsoring a mini-golf activity and a promotional table at the first River Falls Earth Fest, sponsored by Hope for Creation, on Sunday, April 24.

The Director also reported on the sessions she and Jon George attended at the mid-winter conference of the Public Library Association, including, among others, "The Future of Libraries" and "Creating Joy in the Library."

The Director asked Research Librarian Kim Kiiskenen to introduce us to the library's new Niche Academy electronic resource, which includes 43 different tutorials, regularly updated, to help patrons navigate useful technologies. This is in addition to the regular, in-person assistance supplied by Kim Kiiskenen and other library staff.

The Senior Center will begin in April to have card-playing activities on Wednesday and Friday afternoons in the lower level. Discussions will continue with the Senior Center and the city administration.

President's Report :

The BTW Planning project will begin with its first working group meeting on Tuesday, April 5.

The President also reminded trustees of the City Council meetings on the first and third Tuesdays. The library's Foundation Board meeting is Wednesday, April 27; Joyce Breen committed to attending.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Kari Henselman, seconded by Whitney Rudesill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Ferguson, President