

**LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 9, 2017 6:00 PM
Community Room of the Lester Public Library**

Call to Order –President Collette Tegen called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

Roll Call – Members Present: Collette Tegen, Stanley Palmer, David Pennefeather, Kirsten Sleger, Sharon Sleger, Patrick Gagnon, Larry Thomas, Tom Van Horn. Absent and excused: Rick Hendrickson and Ned Guyette. Also present Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator and Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator.

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes of April 11, 2017, with corrections, made by Gagnon, second made by Pennefeather. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Expenditures & Financial Reports – Motion to accept and file the April 2017 financial reports made by Thomas, second made by Palmer. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Board Education – Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator, pointed out the Reach Out and Read billboards on Memorial Drive and on the digital signs near Holy Family Hospital in Manitowoc promoting early literacy. Terry Ehle shared details of the 2017 Summer Reading Program for youth and Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator shared the Adult Summer Reading Program for adults. This year the Summer Reading theme is Build a Better World.

Board Member Comment – None

Director's Report – Director Dawson is currently in Tennessee, representing Two Rivers at the ice cream social conclusion of the reading program for Rhea County High School. Hamburg pointed out that the library had been used as a safe house during a standoff with the police and one of the residents in the apartments next door. Displaced residents were evacuated to the library while police dealt with the situation and were at the library for just over 3 hours on Sunday, April 30.

Report from City Council Representative – Election of officers for the city council; Kay Koach was elected the first woman council president in the history of city government. Patrick Gagnon was re-appointed as the library board city council representative. The city council is also taking the next steps on developing the Hamilton property. This involves taking land for public purposes, a park and to reinstitute the street grid, and will most likely be a lengthy process possibly involving litigation. Consultants are in the area working on the city's economic development plan. Tom Van Horn said he'd participated in one of the focus groups and was very impressed with them. Carp Fest is taking place the first weekend in June.

Report from School District Representative – Asked that all board members take a few moments to walk through the school district’s art show, being hosted at the library, to appreciate the talent of Two Rivers young people. She encouraged everyone to invite their friends and neighbors to do the same.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion to accept the library policy Title 1, Chapter 8, Theft or Mutilation of Library Material as presented made by Thomas, seconded by Kirsten Sleger, unanimously approved by voice vote.

New Business:

- Motion to approve the 2016/17 slate of officers – Tegen, President and Guyette, Vice President, with the director/administrator serving as secretary, made by Kirsten Sleger, second made by Thomas. Voice vote carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve the Resolution Opposing the Elimination of Federal Funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services was made by Palmer and seconded by Gagnon. Passed unanimously via voice vote.

Closed Executive Session – None

Motion to adjourn made by Gagnon, second made by Thomas. Voice vote carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator