

**LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:00 PM
Webster Room of the Lester Public Library**

Call to Order –President Ned Guyette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call – Members Present: Sharon Sleger, Stanley Palmer, Kirsten Sleger, Tom Van Horn, David Pennefeather, Ned Guyette, Rick Hendrickson, and Bonnie Shimulunas.. Absent and excused Larry Thomas. Also present: Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator and Jeff Dawson, Director.

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes of February 11, 2020 meeting, made by Van Horn, second made by Pennefeather. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Expenditures & Financial Reports – Motion to receive and file the February, 2020 financial reports, made by Palmer, second made by Shimulunas. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Board Member Comment – Van Horn noted reading an article where public libraries and parks are the 2 most egalitarian places in the United States. Pennefeather was in the library to print items from our computers and was impressed how easy and smooth the process was.

Director’s Report – Dawson also demonstrated the Thread technology and shared the final selections for the carpeting. Discussion included Dawson and Ehle attending the Public Library Association Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Report from City Council Representative – Culver’s has acquired additional property for their project. Looking for a Parks and Recreation Director and the new hotel is progressing nicely.

Report from School District Representative – Teacher’s in-service this Friday with spring break around the corner.

Report from County Representative – Hendrickson shared his next 2 years on the County Board will be his last, and he has enjoyed his time serving on the Library Board. Discussion included making Manitowoc County a sanctuary for the 2nd amendment.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

- Motion waive reading and adopt the Resolution of Remembrance for Patrick Gagnon, made by Hendrickson, second made by Kirstin Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously.
- Reviewed the library policy, Supervisor in Charge – updating language. The policy will be on the April agenda for possible approval.

- Pennefeather, as the Nominating Committee for board officers, will bring the slate of officers for a vote in April – Guyette for President and Palmer for Vice President.

Board Education – None

Closed Executive Session –President Guyette read the Wisconsin Statutes s. 19.85(1)(c) allowing closed session when the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee under the jurisdiction of the particular government body is being considered. Mr. Guyette stated the reason the Closed Session is in regards to the Library Director's annual review. He then opened the floor for a motion to enter into Closed Session. Motion made by Hendrickson to enter into Closed Session, second made by Sharon Sleger. Roll Call Vote: Sharon Sleger – Aye; Kirsten Sleger – Aye; Rick Hendrickson – Aye; Bonnie Shimulunas – Aye; Stanley Palmer – Aye; Tom Van Horn – Aye; Ned Guyette – Aye; David Pennefeather - Aye. Motion carried. The Board of Trustees entered into Closed Session at 7:08 PM.

At 7:23 PM, a motion to reconvene in Open Session was made by Palmer, second made by Hendrickson. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Pennefeather, second made by Kirsten Sleger. Voice vote carried 6 aye votes with one nay vote (Van Horn). Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Dawson, Director