

**LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:00 PM
Via Zoom Meeting**

Call to Order –President Ned Guyette called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

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

President Guyette welcomed John Casavant, City Council Representative to the Board. Casavant is finishing Patrick Gagnon’s term on City Council and volunteered to serve on the Library Board.

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes of May 12, 2020 meeting, made by Sharon Sleger, second made by Kirsten Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Expenditures & Financial Reports – Motion to receive and file the May, 2020 financial reports, made by Van Horn, second made by Pennefeather. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Board Member Comment – Sharon Sleger shared her seamless experience using the library curbside service, she noted the service was quick, efficient and pleasant. Kirsten Sleger liked the addition of benches around the outside of the library enabling patrons to enjoy the library gardens along with the library Wi-Fi.

Board Education – Terry Ehle, Youth Services Coordinator, shared the Summer Reading Program, how it works utilizing the new Beanstack software and app.

Director’s Report – Dawson shared that patrons are asking when the library building will open and that most are okay with maintaining curbside service to protect the health of patrons and staff alike. From time-to-time there is a grumpier attitude about keeping the building closed. The overall message to our patrons is that the library is open, providing many of the services found inside, and not to mention all the online offerings available 24/7.

Report from City Council Representative – Kites Over Lake Michigan will be held on the Two Rivers High School grounds Labor Day weekend. Spoke about recent retention pond issues.

Report from School District Representative – Wrapped up the virtual school year. Various celebrations of grades that culminated in a wonderful celebration of the Class of 2020. Summer school will focus on reading support for students who need it the most. Survey was sent to parents on how to approach school and learning this fall.

Report from County Representative – No report

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

- Motion to approve Stanley Palmer as the Library Board of Trustees representative to the Lester Public Library Foundation Board, made by Sharon Sleger, second made by Kirsten Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve the Library Director’s Annual Goals, made by Palmer, second made by Kirsten Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously.
- Motion to allow staff discretion to add to the Reopening the Library Building document, including opening and closing deadlines in terms of the phase one soft opening, while maintaining the interest of staff and patron safety concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, made by Van Horn, second made by Kirsten Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Closed Executive Session – None

Motion to adjourn made by Pennefeather, second made by Kirsten Sleger. Voice vote carried 5 aye votes with one nay vote (Van Horn). Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Dawson, Director