

MINUTES
New Berlin Public Library Board Meeting
February 19, 2024 6:00 p.m.
New Berlin Public Library
15105 Library Lane
Heritage Room

Meeting called to order by President Marek at 6:01 P.M.

An opportunity for public hearing was given but no members of the public registered to speak.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Ruth Bock, Chuck Garrigues Dolores Greenawalt, Nate Jung, Jill Kawala,
Charlotte Kroupa (6:07 p.m.), Patti Orzel, Barb Uhen, and John Marek
Members Absent and Excused: None

Staff Members Present: Laura Eastman

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: No report was given this month but it was mentioned that April 4, 2024, is the general meeting of the Friends and the big spring sale will be coming up. A drive-through book donation drive will take place this coming Saturday.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The following items were presented on the consent agenda:

- A. Approval of January 15, 2024 minutes
- B. Next meeting date: March 18, 2024
- C. Approval of Bills and Invoices
- D. Library Activity Reports

A correction will be needed to the minutes to amend the phrase “warming pads” with the correct spelling. Trustee Kawala a motion to approve the consent agenda items, subject to the correction. The motion was seconded by Trustee Greenawalt and passed on a vote of 8-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

President's Report – President Marek had no items to report.

Director's Report - Ms. Beacom was excused. Ms. Eastman provided an infographic in lieu of a report, which depicts the year-in-review numbers. Numbers went up, particularly with program involvement. The new floor is getting positive comments. The floor is much more conducive to people with mobility concerns.

Ms. Eastman also mentioned that take-home COVID testing kits are available and are moving.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

NBPL 2023 Annual Report

The report is attached to the meeting packet. It has been reviewed by the Bridges team and is ready for the President's signature. Trustee Ruth Bock moved approval of the report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nate Jung and passed on a motion of 9-0.

Library Facility Testing – Radon

A volunteer has inquired about the extent to which the library building is tested for radon. The matter has been referred to the Buildings team who will report back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Library Lover's month is this month and card holders can get discounts at certain local businesses.
- We now have a Harley-Davidson experience pass.
- Ceol Cairde is performing Irish music.
- The AARP is providing free tax services
- Our 2024 Student Scholarship is open for New Berlin students

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Chuck Garrigues moved to adjourn. Trustee Ruth Bock seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Kawala