Minutes
New Berlin Public Library Board Meeting
April 21, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
New Berlin Public Library
Marion Onesti Board Room

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by President Marek at 6:04 P.M.

Attendance:
Members Present: Ruth Bock, Chuck Garrigues, Dolores Greenawalt, Nathan Jung, Charlotte Kroupa, John Marek, Barb Uhen
Members Excused: Jill Kawala, Patti Orzel
Staff Members Present: Natalie Beacom, Director
Others Present: Kathy Wiemelt, President, Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library (FOL):
President Wiemelt reported on the following news:
1. FOL deposited 10,380 dollars from the spring book sale
2. FOL sent out their annual report for 2024 to its members
3. FOL has introduced a new logo
4. FOL's volunteer brunch is scheduled for June

President Marek commended FOL for their support on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Consent Agenda Items:
The following items were presented on the consent agenda for approval:

A. Minutes from Monday, March 17, 2025
B. Next meeting date: Monday, May 19, 2025
C. Bills and Invoices

Trustee Garrigues moved to approve consent agenda barring information mistakenly added to consent agenda regarding larger city affairs and pending spelling correction. Motion seconded by Trustee Kroupa. The motion was approved 7-0.

Administrative Reports:

President's Report: None

Director's Report: Director Beacom notes that the library will host a performance by a classical guitarist on Friday, May 9th 2025 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Trustee Garrigues asks about library's relationship to the city-wide Cartegraph system. Director Beacom notes the system will allow the library to send custodial and other requests to the city, which the city can then parcel out for greater efficiency. President Marek requests financial overview from Marquette Associates, which

Director Beacom and the Board agreed to schedule for January and perhaps annually thereafter.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Board forms ad hoc committee to conduct annual Library Director evaluation; committee is comprised of President Marek, Trustee Greenawalt, and Trustee Bock. The committee will proceed by seeking staff input from staff. Trustee Jung will send and compile evaluations from staff and submit the results to the committee for reference in the evaluation process.

B. Board forms ad hoc committee for library board officer nominations; committee is comprised of Trustee Jung and Trustee Greenawalt.

C. Trustee Essentials: Natalie discusses guidelines for public advocacy for libraries

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Greenawalt made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Trustee Kroupa. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Jung, Vice President