

Alice Baker Memorial Public Library
820 East Main St.
Eagle, WI 53119
Library Board Meeting
Monday, March 14th, 2022
6:30 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

The March meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alice Baker Memorial Library was called to order by President Nancy Wilhelm at 6:30 pm. Present were: Trustees: N. Wilhelm, B. Gunderson, D. Gordhamer, C. Lauterbach, I. Roberts, T. Burstein and C. Dressel and Library Director A. Chase. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by N. Wilhelm.

It was moved by B Gunderson, seconded by C. Dressel that the minutes of the February 14th, 2022 meeting of the Board be approved as distributed. Need to amend the minutes to Feb 2022, by C. Lauterbach, 2nd by B. Gunderson

It was moved by Trish, and seconded by I. Roberts, that the March 2022 consent agenda (list of checks written, monthly financial report, cardmember detail, cardmember summary, lists of checks to be written, and Treasurer's Report) be approved. The motion passed via voice vote.

Village Representative's Report—C. Lauterbach reported.

Town Representative's report— D. West reported.

Palmyra-Eagle School District—D. Gordhamer reported.

Personnel Committee Report - No additional information.

Strategic Plan update - Still working on this, not completed, needs to rework the document as the format is different than previously created.

ABML Annual Report - A. Chase discussed some of the highlights, A. Chase is certified for next 5 years. TNR (lives in a community without a library, but come and use our library, if from Jefferson County, 70% of unit cost x #of people using). ILL (interlibrary loan) is going up. Transiting within our system is going up. Programming has been stable 214 programs with 2000 attending

Director's Report-A. Chase distributed her report ahead of time.

There were 603 overdrive requests as well as more coming in to use the computers. Artist Reception, as March was youth art month. The library hosted an event for youth art month as well as the adult tiny art. Kits for tiny art were all gone within a day and a half, 24 kits, got 14 back for the show. 117 individuals came through the library for the art reception. Upcoming programs: Dan Freas will present a program from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on April 12th, presentation on Old World Wi and info on the new brewery; WI and a program on fisheries management on May 11th from 6 :30 - 7:30 p.m.

Other business:

President's Report – ARPA – Discussions continue regarding the use of the Town's ARPA Funds for current purchase and future needs. No final decisions have been made. Meeting again in April. However, an issue has been identified regarding the Library's use of the Town's Impact Fees. The Impact Fees rules were established in 2007 and require: 3 acres of land be purchased and require the building of a new library with a cost of 2.5 million dollars. So, at this point the discussion of the library using Impact Fees is irrelevant. The Acting Town Clerk is now determining if change can be made in calculating Library's qualification for the use of Impact Fees.

Continuing to work with F.A.B.L.E. to improve communication and partnership with our Friends of the Alice Baker Library in Eagle Organization. All will add F.A.B.L.E. to communication to staff and stakeholders.

Bridges library system - Next big thing is the Bridges System Strategic Plan update.

Eagle Nature Trail -Worked on 2022 scheduling, planning, programming, and volunteers for summer. Earth Day (April 22) is the current project.

COVID-19 update- No changes as of now.

It was moved by B. Gunderson, seconded by C. Dressel to move to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(c) and (f) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically, to discuss the youth services position. The motion passed via voice vote, and the meeting moved to closed session at 7:24 pm.

It was moved by B. Gunderson, seconded by T. Burstein to move out of Closed Session at 7:57 p.m. and to reconvene in open session. The motion passed via voice vote, and the meeting reconvened at 7:57 pm.

It was moved by B. Gunderson and Seconded by T. Burstein to authorize A. Chase to complete the process of posting the Youth services position within the current budget. Motion passed via voice vote.

Future agenda item: Allowable cost worksheet (Due by May 1st), Strategic plan, F.A.B.L.E.

The next Board Meeting will be on April 11th, 2022.

It was moved by I. Roberts and seconded by D. West for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion passed via voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Debbie Gordhamer
Secretary