

**Columbus Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room**

Pete Kaland called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present remotely: Lindsey Ganz, Pete Kaland, Sue Salter, Nora Vieau, Sharon Eagan, Jim Schieble, Deb Haeffner, Sara Sample, Merry Anderson

Adoption of the Agenda: Jim moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Disposition of Minutes: Jim moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Finance Report: CD2-current value \$14,783.70-matures on 4/22/21 and will be rolled over. Year-end 2020 SCLS Foundation fund value \$374,346.01. Sue moved and Nora seconded a motion to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Bills of \$13,553.60 reported. Jim moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve bills. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Alderperson Mike McCabe and John Salzwedel, Historic Landmarks & Preservation Commission requested a tour of the Annex. CPL received a citizen query re: aid to the library from stimulus package. Response: none anticipated.

Although the cost/circulation rose, CPL is well positioned for the 2022 budget. Lindsay introduced a new report format for discussion.

Intercom doorbell installed (\$70). McFarland library has given CPL a used self-check machine. Normally \$3,000-4,000 it is only 3 years old. Software will cost \$900 annually. The plan is to place it in the children's area.

The virtual "Let's Plan a Vegetable Garden" attracted 40 people. Upcoming: "Spirits of Earth: Ancient Native Effigy Mounds in Wisconsin" April 22 and "The Birdman of Koshkonong" May 6. Monthly and weekly videos, STEM activities, craft projects and a board game spotlight continue to be popular.

The roofers inspecting the again leaking roof discovered a nail keg most likely from the initial building construction. It is now on display. DPW also installed an outlet by the front desk for safety.

Planning for summer programs is ongoing including events and movies on the library lawn with registration and limited attendance. DPW will schedule lawn maintenance accordingly. All other staff and city meetings continue virtually.

Lindsay attended “Service Animals: Your Obligation Under the ADA.”

AWARD: CPL and Lisa Wolf, city media director, received a silver award from Wisconsin Community Media for the Inspector Pig film. This collaboration is one of Lindsay’s goals to establish local relationships. PR announcement suggested e.g., Beaver Dam Daily Citizen.

Nora moved and Pete seconded a motion to approve the Director’s Report. Motion carried.

President’s Report: See Director’s Report

Friends of the Library: Meetings inactive; bookstore open for sales by appointment.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: Personnel committee met in Feb.; finalizing job descriptions for all positions for approval by Board.

Unfinished Business: Reopening plan: Beaver Dam library has reopened, Sun Prairie remains closed except for tech. visits, Columbia County libraries opening gradually with Madison libraries scheduled to reopen 5/1. It was recommended and agreed that CPL begin gradual lessening restrictions several days prior to April 20 board meeting so progress can be reviewed at this meeting. Also, this will allow all staff time to get second vaccination.

New Business: Mayoral appointments to Library Board: Deb and Merry agreed to continue serving; recommendations will be forwarded to new mayor’s office.

Jim moved and Merry seconded a motion to authorize SCLS to bill adjacent counties—Dodge, Sauk, Dane for payment totaling \$50,390.86.

Adjournment: Sara moved and Nora seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next scheduled board meeting April 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted.
Merry Anderson
Secretary

