

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024, @ 6:30 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING IN CARNEGIE ROOM
& VIA ZOOM



PRESENT: Ken Axe; Lora Klitzke; Teri LeSage, President; Jean Ligocki, Vice-President/City Council Representative; Sharon Meilahn Bartlett (virtual); Erin Meinholz; Trista Richards; Kristin Rosenberg, Stoughton Area School District Representative (virtual); Dayna Verstegen (virtual)

ABSENT: Siri Vienneau, Student Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Ramsey, Library Director; Sarah Monette, Administrative Assistant; Amanda Bosky, Adult Services Librarian

- I. CALL TO ORDER. 6:31 P.M. by President Teri LeSage
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA & CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW. LeSage moved item XII.A. up the agenda
- III. CONSENT AGENDA. *Motion to approve:* Meinholz. *Second:* Ligocki. *Vote:* 7-0.
- IV. NEW BOARD MEMBER TRISTA RICHARDS---WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION. The Board welcomed Richards and there were introductions all around.
- V. RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES. n/a
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. n/a
- VII. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE. Ramsey shared an email thanking the Library for its LGBTQ+ programming for teens.
- VIII. EDUCATION UPDATES. Meilahn Bartlett reminded the Board of the Juneteenth celebration on June 23.
- IX. BOARD IN-SERVICE. Bosky gave an overview of the Adult Services Department and the large number of requests for collaboration the library receives from organizations and individuals in the community. She also discussed staffing challenges related to information desk coverage and programs and services for teens.

[Axe arrived at 6:54 P.M.]

- X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Ramsey presented. The construction on the portion of South Fourth Street in front of the Library is supposed to start mid- to late-August. The HVAC replacement will be in September or October. There was some discussion of the Ripple Project and collections diversity.
- XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Finance: did not meet
 - B. Personnel: did not meet
 - C. Planning: the Committee completed the progress report on the Strategic Plan (see XIV.B) and discussed diversity on the Board.
 - D. Policies: did not meet
- XII. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT. n/a.
- XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on planning for June Pride event. Ligocki reported that there will be yoga before the Perfect Harmony Chorus performance on June 8 and a cookout at 1 P.M.
- XIV. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. Nomination and appointment of 2024-2025 Student Trustee. *Rosenberg nominated Siri Vienneau. Motion to appoint Siri Vienneau as Student Trustee for 2024-2025: Axe. Second: Rosenberg. Vote: 9-0.*

[Verstegen left at 7:30 P.M.]

- B. Presentation on progress toward goals in the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan by the Planning Committee. Meilahn Bartlett discussed the progress made toward the goals in the Strategic Plan.
- C. Discussion of 2024-2025 committee assignments. Committee assignments will be finalized at the June meeting.
- D. Nomination and election of Board officers. *LeSage nominated Meilahn Bartlett as Vice President. Motion to elect Meilahn Bartlett Vice President: Klitzke. Second: Ligocki. Vote: 7-0 with Meilahn Bartlett abstaining. LeSage nominated Klitzke as President. Motion to elect Klitzke President: Axe. Second: Ligocki. Vote: 7-0 with Klitzke abstaining.*
- XV. PENDING AGENDA ITEMS.
 - A. Discussion of library closures on federal holidays not currently designated as paid holidays by the City of Stoughton: Presidents' Day, Juneteenth, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Veterans Day.
 - B. Reminder for standing committees to review, and possibly report on, their progress toward the 2024 Board Goals throughout the year.
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT. *Motion to adjourn at 7:51 P.M.: LeSage. Second: Meinholz. Vote: 8-0.*

Minutes taken by Sarah Monette.