

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



PRESENT: Ken Axe; Lora Klitzke, President; Teri LeSage (virtual); Jean Ligoeki, City Council Representative (virtual); Sharon Meilahn Bartlett, Vice-President (virtual); Erin Meinholz; Trista Richards; Katie Roberts (virtual); Mande Shecterle, Stoughton Area School District Representative; Siri Vienneau, Student Trustee
ALSO PRESENT: Jim Ramsey, Library Director; Sarah Monette, Administrative Assistant; Lesley Johnson, President of the Friends of the Stoughton Library

- I. CALL TO ORDER. 6:33 P.M. by President Lora Klitzke
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA & CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW.
- III. CONSENT AGENDA. *Motion to approve:* Richards. *Second:* Roberts. *Vote:* 8-0.
- IV. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT. Johnson reported that the Friends have donated \$20,785 to the Library for 2025. \$20,000 is from Friends fundraising; \$785 is from memory/honor donations. The Friends are getting ready for their second annual Mini-Golf at the Library on March 16 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

[Johnson left at 6:40 p.m.]

- V. RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES. The Board signed a card thanking Amanda Bosky, Adult Services Librarian, Mary Ostrander, Children's Librarian; and Cynthia Schegel, Adult Services Assistant for their work putting together the Renaissance Faire in October 2024.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. n/a
- VII. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE. n/a
- VIII. EDUCATION UPDATES. Meinholz reported that she'd read an article about the UW System anonymizing patron check-out records.

[Meilahn Bartlett arrived at 6:45 p.m.]

- IX. BOARD IN-SERVICE: "Trustee Essential #13: Library Advocacy." Ramsey presented.
- X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT. In addition to his written report, Ramsey mentioned that he is getting ready for Library Legislative Day; he met with 2 board members of the Bryant Foundation on January 14 to discuss their annual grant application and was present at the Friends' meeting to accept their donation. The RFID project is complete; there are still some hours left for the two LTE workers, and Sarah Bukrey, the Technical Services Director, has some ideas of how to best utilize them.
- XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS.
 - A. Finance: did not meet.
 - B. Personnel: see item XIII.D.
 - C. Planning: see Old Business.

D. Policies: did not meet

XII. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Review draft of 2025 Board Goals from Planning Committee. The Planning Committee would like to have any feedback on this draft soon, so that they can present the final draft at the February meeting.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Review calendar of work for the coming year.

B. Review Board member terms. Three Board members' terms are up (Axe, LeSage, Meinholz), and they do not intend to continue with another term.

C. Appointment of ad hoc Board Member Recruitment Committee by Board President. After some discussion, Klitzke appointed Axe, Meilahn Bartlett, Richards, and Shecterle to the ad hoc committee.

D. Approval of 2024-2025 Library Director Evaluation.

The Board may move into closed session per State Statute 19.85(1)(c) when considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion to move into closed session at 7:12 P.M.: Axe. Second: Richards.

Roll call vote:

Axe	Aye
Klitzke	Aye
Le Sage	Aye
Ligocki	Aye
Meilahn Bartlett	Aye
Meinholz	Aye
Richards	Aye
Roberts	Aye
Shecterle	Aye

Motion to move out of closed session at 7:28 P.M.: Ligocki. Second: Axe.

Roll call vote:

Axe	Aye
Klitzke	Aye
Le Sage	Aye
Ligocki	Aye
Meilahn Bartlett	Aye
Meinholz	Aye
Richards	Aye
Roberts	Aye
Shecterle	Aye

Motion to approve Board Director evaluation for 2024-2025 and send to City of Stoughton HR Director A. J. Gillingham: Axe. Second: Klitzke. Vote: 9-0.

XIV. PENDING AGENDA ITEMS.

A. Reminder for standing committees to review, and possibly report on, their progress toward the annual Board Goals throughout the year.

B. Discussion of additional funding sources for library programming and operations.

XV. ADJOURNMENT. *Motion to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.: Richards. Second: Axe. Vote: 9-0.*

Minutes taken by Sarah Monette.