



**Hudson Area Joint Library
Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021 – 5:30 PM**

1. Call to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Paul Berning. Roll call, certification of compliance with opening meeting laws and public record laws, and introduction of visitors and guests.

Board members present: Berning, Schrock, Peterson, Whiteley, O'Connor, Copenbarger. (Blank joined at 5:35 p.m.)

Absent: McCarthy

Visitors: Joyce Law, Darla Meyers, Marion Shaw, Nancy Toll, unidentified Zoom guest

Staff: Shelley Tougas, Madeline Page

2. Citizen comments

Darla Meyers, Board Supervisor from the Town of St. Joseph, said she was representing herself and not the town. She expressed opposition to the library's February LGBTQ Voices in the Valley series. She expressed concern that background checks were not done and that the library's programming policy had been updated. She made a verbal request for public records related to the event.

Marion Shaw expressed opposition to the library's February LGBTQ Voices in the Valley series and its offsite location. He expressed opposition to the library's funding requests.

3. ACTION ITEM: Approve Consent Agenda Items

- a.) Approve meeting Agenda
- b.) Disposition of Minutes from the January board meeting and of any intervening special meetings.
- c.) Discussion and possible action on invoices that are not regularly recurring or are not within the 2021 Budget vs. Actual to Date
- d.) Discussion and possible action on regularly recurring expenditures that are within the Board approved 2021 budget
- e.) Discussion and possible action on 2020 and 2021 budget comparison

Motion by Peterson to approve

Second by O'Connor

MOTION CARRIED - 7 Ayes / 0 Nays

4. Presentations:

- a.) Friends of the Library: Joyce Law reported the FOL is seeking a new treasurer. She gave an update regarding the bookmark contest
- b.) Library Foundation: Barb Peterson reported the Foundation will do another readathon. She informed the board of existing donations (not from the Foundation) of \$14,000 for special projects.

5. President's comments, reports, and municipal updates:

- a.) President: no update
- b.) Town of St. Joseph: Peterson reported the town supervisors discussed the library's funding crisis and Shelley Tougas attended the town meeting.
- c.) Town of Hudson: Blank asked library staff to see if funds are available for the library in the new stimulus package passed by Congress.
- d.) Village of North Hudson: Whiteley reported she will present an update at the May meeting in the village.
- e.) City of Hudson: O'Connor reported that Shelley Tougas's budget presentation was well-received by the Council. Funding discussions will continue.

6. Directors' Report

- a.) Presentation of the monthly report and statistics and updates, as provided in the written report.

7. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: Garden Club Plaque

The Garden Club, which maintains the library's indoor and outdoor garden, requested permission to have a plaque in the library honoring the contribution of a member.

Motion by O'Connor to approve the plaque

Second by Blank

MOTION CARRIED - 7 Ayes / 0 Nays

8. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: Library hours

Staff proposed adding Saturday walk-in hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and expanded capacity limits (15 to 25) beginning April 1.

Motion by O'Connor to approve additional hours and capacity.

Second by Copenbarger

MOTION CARRIED - 7 Ayes / 0 Nays

9. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: Funding and stakeholder retreat

Staff and members discussed additional steps to share information with the public, including presentations at board meetings in the Town of Hudson and the Village of North Hudson, a newspaper article and website information.

No action taken.

10. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: Closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. *Review of Applications for Library Director.*

Motion by Peterson to go into closed session.

Second by Blank

Roll call vote:

Berning: Yes
Coppenbarger: Yes
O'Connor: Yes
McCarthy: absent
Peterson: Yes
Blank: Yes
Whiteley: Yes

The board reconvened in open session at approximately 6:35 p.m.

11. ACTION ITEM: ADJOURNMENT

Motion by O'Connor to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Second by Coppenbarger

MOTION CARRIED - 7 Ayes / 0 Nays

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Tougas and Madeline Page