



**Hudson Area Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024**

- 1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Paul Berning. Roll call, certification of quorum, certification of compliance with WI open meeting laws and public records laws, introduction of visitors and guests.**

Board members present: Paul Berning, Bill Fehrenbach, Barb Peterson, Rich O'Connor, Gerry Klecker, Bryan Wells, Sammi Dittloff (arrived at 7:05pm)

Board members absent: Kim Osterhues, Chad Wiertzema

Staff: Jamie Smith, Shelley Tougas

- 2. Citizen Comments**

None

- 3. ACTION ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Peterson to approve consent agenda items a-d

Second by Klecker

Discussion: None

Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED - 7 Ayes/0 Nays

(break from 7:06-7:15 for a group photo)

- 4. Presentations**

Friends of the Library: Joyce Law reported they participated in National Night Out, and that Trick-or-Treat Trail is well underway. The Friends also contributed to the purchase of the library's Everbright.

Foundation: Peterson reported on the Foundation's decision to settle on \$100,000 for their annual fundraising goal, of which \$60,000 is designated for programming and \$40,000 is for targeted improvements. Klecker reported that cost estimates are in process from the architect.

- 5. Updates/Reports**

Hudson Area Public Library ... books are just the beginning

President: Berning reported that the county had its meeting and ACT 420 was discussed as it relates to St. Croix County funding adjacent county libraries.

City of Hudson: O'Connor reported that the budget process is progressing

School district: none

6. Committee Updates

Policy and Personnel: none

Finance: Wells said the financial report passed to the board

Library Operations and Facility Structure: Fehrenbach said the committee has met two times and has a field trip planned to see a few other libraries

AI Library Integration: Dittloff said the committee met once, no report

7. Director's Report

The written report was presented by Tougas.

8. DISCUSSION: Revenue Report

The written report was presented by Tougas

9. DISCUSSION: Board Development

The written report was presented by Tougas

10. DISCUSSION: Library Strategies Update

The written report was presented by Tougas

11. DISCUSSION: Building Update

Klecker reported that the architect is drafting cost estimates for potentially renovating and/or expanding the building. A working session is needed for board members to discuss building options and related reports. This will be Tuesday, October 22nd at 5:30pm.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

13. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 8:08pm by O'Connor

Second by Klecker

Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 7 Ayes/0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Smith