



**Hudson Area Public Library  
Library Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2023**

- 1. Call to order at 6:30 p.m. by 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 (President), Kristine McCarthy (Vice President), Bryan Wells, Susan Blank, Rich O'Connor, Barb Peterson.

Absent: Kim Osterhues

Staff: Shelley Tougas, Michelle Saifullah

Visitors: Gerry Klecker, Bill Fehrenbach, Sammi Dittloff

- 2. Citizen Comments – None**

- 3. ACTION ITEM: Consent Agenda (agenda, minutes, expenditure report, bill payment)**

Motion by O'Connor to approve consent agenda

Second by Wells

Discussion: None

**Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 6 Ayes/0 Nays**

- 4. Presentations:**

**Friends of the Library:** None

**Hudson Area Library Foundation:** None

- 5. President's comments, reports, and municipal updates**

President Berning: The county administrative committee approved 100 percent reimbursement to libraries for serving rural residents

Town of Hudson: None

Village of North Hudson: None

Town of St. Joseph: None

City of Hudson: None

Hudson School District: None

- 6. Committee updates**

Policy and Personnel: None

Finance: FC met prior to the meeting

**7. Director’s Report**

The director’s written report was presented.

**8. Transition update and board introductions**

Board members introduced themselves and welcomed three of the four new appointees to the 2024 library board: Gerry Klecker, Bill Fehrenback, Sammi Dittloff

**9. ANNUAL MEETING ITEMS**

**Board meeting dates:** Dates adopted through 2023 will remain as previously approved. In January 2024, the new board will vote on meeting dates.

**Library hours, holidays and closures:** The hours, holidays and closures adopted through 2023 will remain as previously approved. In January 2024, the new board will vote on meeting dates.

**Library board officers:**

Motion by O’Connor nominating Bering as president.

Second by McCarthy

Berning accepted the nomination

No other nominations were offered

Motion by Peterson to accept a unanimous ballot

Second by O’Connor

**Berning elected 5 ayes/0 Nays** (Berning did not vote)

Motion by Peterson nominating McCarthy as vice-president

Second by Berning

McCarthy accepted nomination

No other nominations were offered

Motion by Peterson to accept a unanimous ballot

Second by O’Connor

**McCarthy elected 5 ayes/0 Nays** (McCarthy did not vote)

**Finance Committee**

Berning affirmed the current appointments through 2023: Berning, Wells, McCarthy

**Policy and Personnel Committee**

Berning affirmed the current appointments through 2023: Peterson, Blank, Osterhues

**Trustee Participation: Remote Open Meetings**

Motion by Peterson to approve the remote participation and voting exception through 2023 for Trustees who participate in open meetings remotely

Second by Wells

**Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 6 Ayes/0 Nays**

**Trustee Participation: Remote Closed Meetings**

Motion by Wells that remote participation and voting are not allowed for closed meetings.

Second by McCarthy

**Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 6 Ayes/0 Nays**

**10. Future agenda items:** gift receipt policy, review Finance Committee Charter, review Policy and Personnel Committee Charter, 2024 bylaw draft

**11. Adjourn**

Motion by O'Connor to adjourn at 7:25

Second by Wells

Discussion: None

**Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 6 Ayes/0 Nays**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelley Tougas