

L.D. Fargo Public Library Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2019

Members present: Gerard Saylor, Sandy Whisler, Doug Fritsch, Shaun Bollig, Pam Streich, Karen Buscemi, Tara Cassady, Erik Beaver.

Members absent: None.

Call to Order: President Shaun Bollig called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Sandy Whisler moved and Karen Buscemi seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Karen Buscemi moved and Erik Beaver seconded approval of the minutes from the June Board meeting; motion carried.

Public Comment: Sandy shared positive comments from a library patron about the new steps and the flower gardens. Gerard shared positive comments he received about the variety of adult programs.

Approval of Expenditures: Sandy Whisler moved and Tara Cassady seconded approval of monthly expenditures. Motion carried.

Discussion of Library Fines for children's materials: Eric Robinson, Fort Atkinson library director, shared their experience of eliminating fines for children's materials. They found that people can be held accountable by other means than fines. They waived pre-existing fines when they made the shift in policy and allowed time to make the switch. They found eliminating fines was invaluable publicity and created good will in the community. The Board will vote next month on eliminating children's fines at our library.

Director's Report: Gerard reported that the stairs are repaired. The front doors are fixed and Russ's Painting will be painting them. The RFP for building assessment and needs will be published next Thursday.

The Summer Reading Program is going well. Circulation numbers from January to June have increased by 9%.

The next meeting of the Library Board will be Monday, August 19, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Whisler