

VPL Board Meeting Minutes
Library Board of Trustees-Verona Public Library
500 Silent Street Verona, WI 53593

Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Board Meeting

Virtual Participants: Conwell, Huemmer, Sohail, Ryan, Hopp, Cronin, Kurth, Burkart
Guest: Julie Harrison

Call to order:

Hopp called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Huemmer, seconded by Conwell to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 04/07/2021. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Invoices:

A motion was made by Kurth, seconded by Huemmer to approve the April 2021 invoices. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

City Council Liaison Report:

Cronin reported that the city council approved and adopted “No Mow May” for the city to attract and increase the pollinators. She further added that there will be no repercussion for the people to not maintain their lawns. The city fields and parks will, however, be maintained throughout the month. She further updated the board that there may be some adjustments needed for traffic at the new high school during pick up and drop off times. She also added that the city council is in the process of finalizing the budget and the meetings with all the city departments and building heads will be taking place soon to finalize the budget.

Library Director's Report:

Burkart updated the board regarding the 5K run/walk event. There were 231 registered participants with 166 in-person and 65 virtual. The event took place from 8am till 12pm and was enjoyed by the attendees quite a lot. Approximately \$12,000 were raised during the event including the in-person donations. The sponsorships were lesser than previous years as expected. She also reported that the library has been open for 3 weeks and is very well received by the community. She further added that there has been an average of 67 visitors a day where most visitors stayed for just a few minutes. She also updated that the maximum capacity of 25 visitors at any given time was never reached. She also added that almost all except two visitors complied with mask requirement during their visit.

Old Business:

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding library response to COVID-19 and library reopening plan:* Burkart proposed to shrink down the curbside pickup hours and open up the non-fiction area for the staff. Placement of furniture in quiet reading room and A discussion was undergone regarding the challenges of opening the children's area for browsing. All in all, the board agreed to continue with the phase 2 of reopening of the library with pandemic precautionary measures as discussed.
- 2. Preliminary discussion of the 2022 library budget:* Recarpeting of 1/3rd of the library quote came back as \$75,000. SCLS building consultant will be visiting the library to discuss and advise the recarpeting budget. Outdoor furniture was received last month, and Public Works will be working to put a concrete pad under the furniture. Wi-Fi spots moving is in progress to expand the coverage outdoors. Julie Harrison explained the logistics for the future expansion of the outdoor shelter and needs for outdoor programming. It was discussed if city shelter at the City Hall can be used as an outdoor programming and story time in summer for the public. Book Bike visits will start to take place this month. Parking lot programs for teens may also start to begin this summer.

New Business:

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding OverDrive Advantage:* There are 1759 unique users of OverDrive in Verona which is a significantly high number of users in the system. It was proposed to allocate 75% of the OverDrive budget for the Verona OverDrive access account and 25% to contribute towards SCLS general fund. A motion was made by Kurth, seconded by Huemmer to approve the OverDrive Advantage funding as proposed. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Library board approved June 2, 2021