

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of the Chippewa Falls Public Library Board of Trustees  
March 15, 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by President Ambelang at 5:00 p.m. in the Virginia O. Smith Meeting Room at the Chippewa Falls Public Library.

**2. Roll Call of Members**

Members Present: Ambelang, King, Martell, Newton, Russell

Members Absent: Drehmel, Jones

Others Present: Director Joe Niese, Confidential Administrative Assistant Deb Braden.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by King seconded by Newton to approve the agenda. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

**4. Disposition of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of February 15, 2023.**

Motion made by Russell seconded by King to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of February 15, 2023. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

**5. Disposition of the vouchers to be paid from the 2023 budget after March 21, 2023.**

Motion made by Russell seconded by King to approve the vouchers to be paid from the 2023 budget after March 21, 2023. Roll Call Vote. Voting Aye: Ambelang, King, Martell, Newton and Russell. Motion carried.

**6. Public Appearances**

none

**7. Correspondence**

Card from Jesse James, State Senator to Jessi Peterson regarding her feedback at the Library Legislative Day. Thank you card to Jenna from her participation in a webinar for the YSS community.

**8. Management Report**

Director Niese talked about highlights from the Management Report. The Library has been busy with new patrons and interesting programming.

**9. Current Business**

**a) Department Head reports.**

Department Head reports for Technical Dept, Reference Dept., and Circulation were distributed. Trustees can review them at their leisure and comment on them at the next meeting. It was expressed that the Trustees would like to return to in person reports next year,

**b) Update on bathroom renovations**

Director Niese noted that we have received a new estimate since costs have risen. The estimate will be given to Lynn Bauer at City Hall for funding.

**10. Closed Session under WI Statues 19.85(1) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. "To**

**a) Staff updates**

Motion made by Newton, seconded by Martell to go into Closed Session under WI Statues 19.85(1) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. "To staff updates to include Director. Roll Call Vote: Voting Aye: Ambelang, King, Martell, Newton and Russell. Motion carried. Time 5:18 pm.

Motion made by Russell seconded by King to return to open session Time 5:30 p.m.

## **12. Announcements**

none

## **13. Items for future consideration**

- a) Review Dept. Head reports
- b) Bathroom renovation
- c) Per Mar proposal

## **14. Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn by King seconded by Newton All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb Braden, Confidential Administrative Assistant