

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
MINUTES
24 August 2020

A regular meeting of the Racine Public Library Board of Trustees was held 24 August 2020 at 4:30 PM via video conference due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Board members Tracy Austin, Angelina Cruz, Melissa Kaprelian, Brian O'Connor, James O'Hagan, and Sue Trottier were present. Maurice Horton, Ahmad Qawi, and Chris Terry were absent. Interim Executive Directors Darcy Mohr and Robert Margis along with Business Manager Daniel Schultz and some staff members also attended.

President Austin called the meeting to order at 4:36 PM.

No members of the general public were present nor had asked to speak.

President's Report – Tracy Austin

Ms. Austin along with Ms. Mohr and Mr. Margis met with Mayor Mason and Interim City Administrator Kathleen Fischer last week, Friday, and the Mayor stated that 2021 would be a “tough” year financially for the city. There would be no department that wouldn't have their budget reduced. The Mayor thanked Mr. Margis and Ms. Mohr for serving as Co-Interim Directors and asked if they would continue in that role if needed. They said they would.

Committee Reports

Search Committee – Tracy Austin

No report.

Racine Public Library Foundation – Sue Trottier

The foundation board may hold off on mailing out their annual appeal letter. The board will explore alternatives to a letter, perhaps a video appeal of

some kind. The board will also work on the recruitment of members that have greater financial and personal connections within the community.

Old Business

None

Items for Board Action

1. No action was taken regarding the 2021 budget at this time. Mayor Mason told Ms. Austin, Ms. Mohr, and Mr. Margis that a decision would be made about the reduction in our appropriation by 28 August.
2. It was moved by Mr. O'Hagan and seconded by Ms. Trottier to convene the meeting in closed session. The motion carried with a roll call vote. The meeting convened in closed session to discuss personnel matters related to the search for a new Executive Director and pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c).

It was moved by Ms. Kaprelian and seconded by Mr. O'Hagan to come out of closed session. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Austin and seconded by Ms. Trottier to delay the hiring of a new Executive Director at this time. The motion was defeated.

Ms. Cruz left the meeting at 5:27 PM. A quorum was still present.

3. It was moved by Ms. Trottier and seconded by Mr. O'Hagan to purchase a new DVD/CD cleaning and repair machine from Elm-USA. The quoted price is \$13,245 and the money would be taken from the Alma Boernke Fund. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

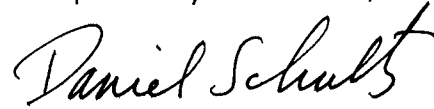
It was moved by Mr. O'Hagan and seconded by Ms. Kaprelian to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Items for the Next Agenda

2021 budget
Progress on search for new Executive Director

It was moved by Mr. O'Hagan and seconded by Ms. Trottier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Schultz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Daniel Schultz
Acting Recording Secretary