

*South Beloit Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
630 Blackhawk Blvd. South Beloit, IL 61080*

**Call to Order:** President Jose Alarcon called the April 9th, 2018 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present and answering to roll call were Trustees Jose Alarcon, Margie Bertholomey, Marilyn Bukove, Roy Cruse, Glenn Lineman, Amber Laue, Jarrod Peterson, and Emily Sager. Also in attendance was Doreen Dalman (librarian), Mayor Ted Rehl, and Tom Fitzgerald. Trustee Linda Chambers was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Marilyn made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Margie and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Tom Fitzgerald was present to describe his experience with the election and the referendum ballots and answer any questions the board had. Unfortunately, for a short time, people were given the wrong ballots and ballots that did not have the referendum listed. More information is given below in the Old Business section.

**Approval of Minutes:** Margie made a motion to accept the approval of the minutes of March 12th, 2018. The motion was seconded by Roy and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was presented. The Winnebago Tax payment should be coming in May. We should be no more than 25% of our budget and we are right in line at 21%. The new Cornerstone CD is now in place.

**Approval of the Bills:** A unanimous roll call allowed the bills of \$19,494.87 to be paid after Emily's motion and Marilyn's second.

**Librarian's Report:** Librarian's report was presented. Doreen had been spending most of her time on the referendum. Our circulation and visitors have more than doubled in the last 4 years. The Back to Books grant was submitted and we are waiting to hear back on the status.

**Communications:**

**Old Business:** Discussion of election results: Glenn reached out to the appropriate people and asked all precincts ballots be checked for errors. This was investigated and there were found to be 481 "Y" and 530 "N." Thirty-four ballots shouldn't have had the referendum on the ballot but did and 17 ballots should have not the referendum on them but did not for a total of 51 ballot errors. As it stands now, no change will be made.

**New Business:** Next steps after the referendum: the board discussed the options we have moving forward. The Mayor advocated for the concept of partnering with the Nature at the

Confluence and for economic development both of which can be accomplished by the City Hall/Library combined building concept. He believes in the concept of the building and that that location should have something there.

Glenn mentioned accessibility both physically and in driving in and out of the current building. It was mentioned that if we stay at our current location, due to zoning laws, if we expanded we would need room for more parking and we don't have the land to increase parking.

Intergovernmental agreements were briefly discussed but other districts have higher library taxes so we need to keep that in mind when thinking of this option.

Thinking of the possibility of going to referendum in November, we could market it as a stand alone library or push the joint venture with City Hall. Many felt that City Hall needs to be more enthusiastic about the project and take a stand for the partnership which may include asking City Hall to vote and pledge to move forward with the project on their end. The board has until July to official decide whether to go to referendum but with everything that needs to be done, the board will most likely make a final decision during the next May meeting.

The board reviewed and approved the EEO policy with a unanimous roll call vote after Emily motioned and Amber seconded.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. after Marilyn motioned, Amber seconded, with a unanimous voice vote.

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Jose Alarcon, President

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Emily Sager, Secretary