



Minutes of the Madison Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting January 17, 2023

Board President John Nelson called the meeting to order.

Board Members in attendance: John Nelson, Laura Reed, Mike Trimble, Rimal Bhaskar, Kelli Wollmann.

Board Members absent: Carrie Studer and Kelly Dybdahl.

A quorum was present.

Lisa Martin was present as secretary.

Wollman motioned to accept agenda. Rimal seconded. The motion passed.

Trimble motioned to accept the minutes of 11.15.22. Reed seconded. The motion passed.

Rimal motioned to accept the minutes of 12.20.22. Wollman seconded. The motion passed.

Trimble motioned to accept the bills. Rimal seconded. The motion passed.

Martin reported on the activities in the library. Winter Kits for elementary aged children remain incredibly popular. One hundred kits were given with 10 more partial kits made for patrons on the fly. Trivia Night continued outside the library, partnering with the Stadium Bar and Grill in November. Unfortunately, MHS music and teen programming in the library were cancelled due to weather. Martin noted that the library staff was low so passive programming was being created by Library Assistants Isaac Meyer and Spencer Reverts. They had taken more hours over the winter break and have gone above and beyond in their work.

Martin updated the board on the building projects in the library. A scout would like to paint furniture and help create the Maker Space for his Eagle Scout project. The library would like to turn an underutilized storage space into an office. Two bids for the project to create the office were considered. Trimble motioned to allow for the office renovation and accept the bid. Rimal seconded. The motion passed.

The Library of Things is expanding beyond outdoor games. Some items could be dangerous if not used correctly, like tools. Martin presented an update to the policy and the board received a copy to consider and revise.

Martin informed the board about the upcoming Staff Development Day, 2/3/23. The library will close and spend concentrated time reviewing policies and procedures for the new staff members.

There were no public comments and no one waiting to enter into the room for comment.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Martin