

River Falls Library Board of Trustees
Open Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:30 pm

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Present: Tiffany Alexamder (online), Sean Downing, Rebecca Ferguson, Kari Heinselman, Tanya Misselt, Mike Metro, Jean Ritzinger (by phone), Wayne Roen, Whitney Rudesill

Guests: Kim Kiiskinen

Absent: Lorraine Davis

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Ferguson.
2. Quorum: A quorum was established.
3. Open Meeting Law: Library Director Misselt confirmed that the meeting was properly noted.
4. Approval of the Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Metro, seconded by Heinselman. Motion carried.
5. Approval of the Minutes of December 5, 2022: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Roen, seconded by Downing. Motion carried.
6. Special Presentation: Library Assistant Anita Slate presented the Trustees with the opportunity to contribute to a new library program. Library staff have been enthusiastically including recommendations, both personal and from professional sources, for “forward-facing” books on the shelves in RFPL. Trustees were given forms to fill out to add their own recommendations.
7. Action Items:
 - a. Approval of the November 2022 Library Expense Report: A motion to approve the November expenses in the amount of \$5, 506.02 was made by Heinselman, seconded by Rudesill. Motion carried.
 - b. Approval of the December 2022 Library Expense Report: A motion to approve the December expenses in the amount of \$92,227.82 was made by Downing, seconded by Metro. After much discussion, in particular about the charge of \$3,833.83 from Roof Tech, Inc. for “roof repairs/multiple [rental houses?],” the motion was defeated.

A second motion to approve the December 2022 expenses in the adjusted amount of \$88,393.99 was made by Alexander, seconded by Downing. Motion carried.
 - c. Election of Library Board of Trustee President: A motion to nominate Ferguson as president was made by Roen, seconded by Alexander. Motion carried.
8. Director’s Report:
 - a. BTR: Director Misselt reported that the Facilities Assessment portion of the report is finally completed. The BTR staff are working on collection locations with the library staff. Ann Voda is eager to make a second presentation to the Trustees, Foundation members, and city representatives with the completed report.
 - b. CIP: Director Misselt will report back to us when the city’s CIP plans for the library are completed, expected at the February meeting. It will then be clearer about the library boiler replacement charges.

- c. The schedule of Trustee meetings for 2023 was distributed, with one correction: September 11 will be the meeting date, the first Monday after Labor Day. The draft of the Foundation meetings will be edited.
 - d. The collaborative presentation by historian Abdur-Rahman Muhammad, initiated by Trustee Metro and Director Misselt, will be held February 7, 2023, at the University Center Ballroom, with the support of the UWRF Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging, the UWRF Chalmer Davee Library, the AAUW of River Falls, as well as the River Falls Public Library Foundation.
9. President's Report: Ferguson asked for and received commitments from Trustees to continue attending Foundation meetings. Ferguson will organize a Library Networking Task Force to assist us in our communications with council and community contacts.

Respectfully submitted: Rebecca Ferguson (and other trustees), as acting secretary