

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Dwight Foster Public Library
October 17, 2016**

Present: Pat Belt, Kathy Topel, Beth Gehred, Tom Fick, Kelly TerKeurst, Libby Jones, Bonnie Hamm, Jeff Zaspel **Absent:** Carol Congdon, Diana Shull

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Pat Belt at 9:35 AM.

Approval of Minutes: The September minutes were approved as corrected. The statement “*Beth Gehred offered some additional information on how to define socially responsible investing and what a community investment may look like.*” was moved from “Other” to “Socially Responsible Investing Update”. (Gehred, Zaspel)

Public Input/ Communications: Kelly shared a nice card from the Heart of the City.

Director’s Report of Financials and Services for August:

September fines to city:	\$ 1,327.80
YTD fines to city:	\$ 11,359.01
September revenue to city:	\$ 1,104.63
YTD revenue to city:	\$ 9,335.89
YTD total deposits:	\$ 20,694.90

Director’s Report Highlights:

Kelly had a wonderful time touring the Fort Atkinson Public School Library facilities with Jeff Zaspel. She met all of the librarians and they plan to work together in the future to devise ways that may benefit both the school and public library systems. Kelly also mentioned the recent poetry reading at the Café Carpe was very well done and enjoyed by those who attended.

Approval of Bills: The payments of the September bills were approved. (Hamm, Topel)

Consider Library’s 2017 Operating Budget: The proposed budgets are within the city’s guidelines and budget goals. Highlights include a 2% wage increase for all employees and some carry forward from the 2016 county budget. The proposed budget was approved as presented. (Zaspel, Hamm)

DFPL Trust Fund and SRI The Finance Committee met earlier this month to talk more about SRI and how it relates to the library trust. Many thanks to the Finance Committee, Premier Bank, Main Street Advisors, Jim Nelson, and Connie Meyer for all of their hard work. Special thanks was given to Tom Fick for his incredible efforts. A motion to move forward with no changes to the current investment polity was approved. (Zaspel, Topel)

Strategic Plan Update: The Strategic Planning Committee has reviewed the draft of the Library’s Strategic Plan, made suggestions, and has forwarded the final draft to Bruce and Melissa at WiLS for review. The Planning Committee will present the final draft to the board when it is completed.

Library System Update: Kelly, Bonnie, Pat and Diana attended the Jefferson and Waukesha Counties Library Trustees Dinner and reported it was wonderful!

JCLC Taste of Literacy Event at the Library: A motion for the use of the library for the Jefferson County Literacy Council fundraiser on February 25th, 2017 was approved (Hamm, Zaspel). A motion to allow beer and wine to be served at the JCLC fundraiser event was approved with Tom Fick casting a dissenting vote. (Jones, Hamm).

Holiday Schedule: Kelly presented the proposed holiday hours for November and December, 2016.

Friends of the Library: Pat reported the annual Friends meeting with Peter Mulvey was well attended. On November 12th author Matt Hefti will present in the Library's FCCU Community room at 1:00 pm. The next FOL book sale is also scheduled for the morning on November 12th.

Friends of Lorine Niedecker: The Chazen Museum of Art in Madison held two events to support the exhibit "Close Reading: Sewn Works by Katherine Kuehn". The events were successful. The panels embroidered with Lorine Niedecker's poem "Paeon To Place" are very impressive. A reception including an artist presentation and an additional event including a poetry reading of "Paeon To Place" provided new visibility for Niedecker's life and work. The exhibit closes on October 17. The Lorine Niedecker Wisconsin Poetry Festival was held on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15 at the Fort Atkinson Club. For more information visit their website at www.lorineniedecker.org

Other: Kelly noted the overall circulation was up again for September!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM. (Fick, Zaspel)

NEXT MEETING: November 21, 2016 at 9:30 AM