

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Dwight Foster Public Library
May 15, 2017**

Present: Kelly TerKeurst, Pat Belt, Libby Jones, Bonnie Hamm, Kathy Topel, Jeff Zaspel, Tom Fick, Beth Gehred, Diana Schull, **Absent:** Carol Congdon, Matt Trebatowski
Guest: Sally Koehler, Lynn Brown

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM by Pat Belt.

Lorine Niedecker statue and the North Lawn Green Space: Sally Koehler presented the library board with information regarding a statue she created of Lorine Niedecker. She shared her portfolio, described the creative process and answered questions. Sally came to the board to ask if we would consider placing the statue of Lorine on library property as a permanent fixture.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 3rd meeting were approved as submitted. (Hamm, Schull)

Public Input/ Communications: Kelly mentioned that there have been several donations from the Helen Gassett memorial, Fanny Highsmith memorial, and Sheldon Meilke memorial with a matching donation from WI Electric. Julia, the intern from UW Whitewater, finished her internship and wrote a very nice thank you. She mentioned she had a great experience working at the DFPL. Mary Beth's recovery is going well with hopes she will return to work in the next month or two! Sandy continues to slowly improve with no projected return date at this point

Director's Report of Financials and Services for both March and April:

<i>March</i>		<i>April</i>	
March fines to city:	\$ 1,225.95	April fines to city:	\$ 1,300.49
YTD fines to city:	\$ 3,779.58	YTD fines to city:	\$ 5,080.07
March revenue to city:	\$ 1,379.30	April revenue to city:	\$ 1,125.96
YTD revenue to city:	\$ 3,511.76	YTD revenue to city:	\$ 4,637.72
YTD total deposits:	\$7,291.34	YTD total deposits:	\$9,717.79

Director's Report Highlights: Circulation was up in March and then down in April. Overall it has been a good year so far. The Project Lead event was very successful. Kelly commented it was wonderful to see so many people from the Hispanic and Latino community visiting the library for the event. A lot of new contacts were made in the process. Kelly has been busy with WLA-SSCS meetings and event preparation. Next week Thursday the one day conference will take place at the FAC with 50-75 people librarians from across the state attending.

Approval of Bills: The payments of March and April bills were approved. (Fick, Zaspel)

Library System Update: Funding for IMLS has been preserved which is very good news. Connie encourages all to reach out to senators in terms of continued IMLS funding as well as LSTA and IAL funding which are also very important.

Friends of the Library: The gift basket auction was a success! There were fewer baskets auctioned off this year yet more money was raised compared to last year. A chair auction fundraiser is planned to take place in the fall. The last book sale did well and memberships are coming along. Work is being done to set up more author visits.

Friends of Lorine Niedecker: Nothing new to report other than discussion on the Lorine statue proposal from Sally Koehler.

Lorine Niedecker Statue Proposal: A motion was passed to not accept Sally Koehler's proposal to place her Lorine statue on library property due to size proportion concerns given the available green space around the library as well as the board not being far enough along in the green space planning process. (Zaspel, Fick). Beth Gehred abstained from voting.

Officer Positions: New officer elections will take place in June. Please let Kelly if you would like to continue your position or if anyone new is interested in a position. The position for secretary is open.

Other: Jan and Bruce will be presenting on the trust at the June meeting. The board will not meet in August. After much consideration Kelly has decided she will be moving to the UK later this fall.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 AM. (Fick, Jones)

NEXT MEETING: June 19, 2017 at 9:30 am