

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2022 MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN HALL LIBRARY
TOWN OF MERTON, NORTH LAKE, WISCONSIN**

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm by President Cull. Also attending were Trustees Herrick, Krohn, Ploch, Rogers Blum, and Library Director Iyengar. Trustee Vidas arrived at 3:50 pm. Also attending as an observer was Ruth Johnson, Library employee and Town of Merton resident.
- II. Public Input:**
None.
- III. Consent Agenda:**
- a. On Motion by Cull, seconded by Ploch, the Minutes of the July 18, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.
 - b. The Statistics report was accepted as presented. Summer programming has been popular, but final statistics will not be available until the end of August.
- IV. Committee Reports:**
- i. Director's Report was accepted as presented. She has contacted various landscapers, and will report on this effort in future months. Krohn said that school volunteers are just beginning to get organized. There continue to be issues with the front entrance renovation; the contractor will not be paid until the problems have been resolved. A poetry jam will be offered at the Bear Trap tavern in North Lake on August 24. The children's services staff will offer a program for children to read to therapy dogs in October. The new custodian has started work, and is expected to be a good addition to the staff.
 - ii. Bridges System update was accepted as presented.
 - iii. Friends Liaison Rogers Blum had no report.
 - iv. Foundation Liaison Ploch had no report.
 - v. Town Board Liaison Herrick had no report.
- V. Financial Reports:**
- a. July, 2022 invoices for \$50,164.06 were unanimously approved on Motion by Ploch, seconded by Vidas.
 - b. The July, 2022 Petty Cash Report for \$192.89 was approved unanimously on Motion by Herrick, seconded by Vidas.
- VI. Unfinished Business:**
None.
- VII. New Business:**
- a. It has suggested that we recruit a County board representative who is not a Town of Merton resident to serve out the remaining term of Kristal Stippich, who resigned last month. If we do not identify an individual to fill the slot, Waukesha County will appoint one. Discussion ensued regarding the makeup of our Board. Iyengar will research the required board composition and will send that information to our board members.

- b. Preliminary staff wage figures were discussed. Iyengar stated that we will now set wages dependent upon the job rather than the person's length of employment, to be more in line with other libraries. She praised her staff and expressed that proposed salary increases are long overdue. Iyengar will work closely with the Town Clerk and Accountant on wages and other budget items in the coming months.

Note: Prior to adjournment Cull asked observer Ruth Johnson if she had any questions or comments. Johnson said she did not, but that she had enjoyed the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Herrick, seconded by Vidas, to adjourn at 4:34 pm, carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary L Rogers Blum
Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Library Board of Trustees
September 19, 2022 at the Town Hall Library at 3:45 pm