

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN HALL LIBRARY
TOWN OF MERTON, WISCONSIN**

APRIL 21, 2025

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm by President Cull. Also attending were Trustees Boettcher, Dolphin, Herrick, Mesenbrink, Rogers Blum, Ruck, and Library Director Iyengar.
- II. Public Input:** None.
- III. Consent Agenda:**
- a. The Minutes of the March 17, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved on Motion by Cull, seconded by Boettcher.
 - b. The Statistics report was accepted as presented.
- IV. Committee Reports:**
- i. Director's Report:
 - March statistics improved in all categories. Program attendance, visitors, and circulation were strong. 17 persons attended the Memory Café, and 103 came to the art reception.
 - A number of events are planned for National Poetry Month in April.
 - The children's librarian resigned effective April 11. Iyengar and the staff will fill her duties until a replacement is found; Iyengar will begin interviews April 14.
 - An underground cable to connect to the digital sign has been installed.
 - A \$5,000 Bridges System grant has been awarded to our library, to be used for Makerspace electronics.
 - She and Dolphin attended a Joint Finance Committee meeting on April 4, focusing on presenting to legislators the value of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
 - ii. Bridges Library System:
 - The reports were accepted as presented.
 - iii. Friends Liaison:
 - A gardening program presented by Melinda Meyers and sponsored by the Friends will be held on Saturday, May 3, from 10 am to Noon at North Lake School. There is no charge, but registration is required on the web site or at the circulation desk.
 - Save the date of May 29 for the Friends Annual Meeting, Banquet and fund-raising Silent Auction. Donations for the auction from the Library Board are always appreciated. Contact Rogers Blum with questions. The fund-raising auction helps to fund the Summer Reading Program, and receives a grant from Modern Woodmen when it is held.
 - iv. Foundation Liaison:

No report.
 - v. Town Board Liaison:

Jim Fleming will replace Herrick as Town Board Liaison beginning in May. Richard Morris has retired as town supervisor.

vi. School Board Liaison:

- High praise for staff member Hunter who presented a 2-hour program to North Lake School students in Makerspace; he held their enthusiastic interest throughout.

V. Financial Reports:

- a. March, 2025 invoices for \$73,506.25 were unanimously approved on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Boettcher.
- b. March, 2025 petty cash report for \$91.00 was approved unanimously on Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Boettcher.

VI. Unfinished Business:

None.

VII. New Business:

- a. Motion by Herrick, seconded by Boettcher and unanimously approved to appoint Cull as Board President, Mesenbrink as Vice President, and Rogers Blum as Secretary.
- b. Motion by Cull, seconded by Mesenbrink and unanimously approved to extend the terms of Boettcher and Rogers Blum for three years.
- c. Motion by Rogers Blum, seconded by Boettcher and unanimously approved, to approve the Waukesha County Allowable Cost 2025 report and instruct the President and the Director to sign the report.
- d. The Director presented the 2024 Annual Report, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm on Motion by Rogers Blum, Seconded by Boettcher and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Rogers Blum
Secretary

Next Meeting: Regular Library Board of Trustees
May 19, 2025 at the Town Hall Library at 3:45 pm

