

**Minutes of the March 28, 2023, Meeting of
the Ripon Public Library Board of Trustees**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by president Lauren McConnell. Other trustees present were Gary Will, Doug Iverson, Janet Vossekuil, Andrew Prellwitz, Travis Liptow (arrived 5:03 p.m.) and Austin Klingler. Desiree Bongers was also present.

Mr. Klingler moved, Ms. Vossekuil seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

A report on library activities was presented by Director Bongers. Included in the report were the following: Ripon College lecture; snowshoes and other grants; Kanopy; book sale; conference attendance. Highlights of February statistics: in person circulation was 6,782; the door count was 3,389; 238 patrons checked out 1,283 items on OverDrive and 167 items on hoopla; there were 313 Internet sessions; 446 GB was downloaded on wireless and 499 unique wireless devices were used; a cumulative total of \$483 in fines and fees has been collected through the end of February.

The board reviewed the payment of the March 2023 invoices totaling \$5,385.76.

The board received an update on the Campaign Planning Committee and 100 Extraordinary Women.

- The 100 EW event was wonderful, despite the snowstorm, with approximately 85 attendees.
- Director Bongers will be applying for a \$150,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Trust.
- The CPC is working on soliciting donations of \$10,000.

The board received an update on the strategic planning process. A community-wide survey is being planned and 1:1 interviews with select community members will also be conducted.

The board received an update from the Finance Committee. The committee continues to gather information and will have recommendations at the April meeting.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Silver Creek Room. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Desiree M. Bongers
Library Director