

Antigo Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting Held August 22, 2023

Regular Meeting: 5 p.m. McGinley Room, Antigo Public Library Sheryl Perkins, Presiding

Name	Attendance	Notes
Sheryl Perkins, President	Present	
Moira Scupien, Treasurer	Present	
Ken Shestak, Vice President	Present	
Carol McDougal	Present	
Abby Mattek	Present	
Ben Pierce	Present	
Barb Rebstock	Present	
Pam Augustyn	Present	

Others in attendance: Ada Demlow, Library Director, Judy Peterson, WVLS Board Representative and Terry Brand, Mayor

Call to Order

Perkins called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. She reminded everyone about the Trustee Training Webinars and that people could watch recordings of those they missed. She said the one from Monday was really good.

Approval of Library Board Minutes from July 25, 2023

Rebstock made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 25 meeting. McDougal seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Personnel and Finance – Scupien reported that the 2024 Budget is coming along well.
- Policy, Rebstock reported that the Facility Use Policy was approved to come to the full board and the Circulation policy had the second reading approved.

Approval of the Bills

Scupien made a motion to approve the bills and Rebstock seconded. Motion carried.

Director’s Reports and Spotlight on Intellectual Freedom

Demlow presented highlights from the Director’s report and gave a financial update. We are at 56.9 percent for the year in our spending and 48% for salaries. We are 58.3% through the year. Demlow said that she had decided to do monthly spotlights on intellectual freedom since there is a lot of chatter and conversation about this happening all around us. For this month she highlighted areas on the website that patrons can visit to make purchase suggestions, express concern about books or learn more about how our collection is developed. She encouraged the board to let patrons know about these transparent ways they can be part of the conversation.

Approval of the Facility Use Policy

Scupien made a motion to approved the revised Facility Use Policy and Augustyn seconded. Motion carried.

Buildings and Ground Committee

Perkins named Ben Pierce the chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Ken Shestak will replace Becki Kassis on the committee. Pierce, Rebstock and McDougal will connect to plan a meeting date and time.

Demlow stated that she and Brian Grabowsky had not yet had time to finish researching tables and chairs and this could be tabled to a future meeting.

Discussion of Board Appointments

Discussion was held on making the board appointment process more transparent and inclusive of many voices.

Demlow, Perkins, Brand and Pierce will have a meeting August 31 at 5 p.m. to discuss further.

Pierce made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mattek seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.