

Friends of the South Milwaukee Public Library

Agenda for Thursday, December 14, 2023 Meeting at 6:00pm

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order by President

Approval of Agenda (requires a motion, second and vote to approve)

Amendments to Bylaws (See second page)

Communications from public or members to share

Action Items (require a motion, second and vote to approve)

- Approval of Financial Statement(s) checks and payments
- Purchases from South Milwaukee Civic Grant (formerly Bucyrus Foundation)
- Approval of annual program payment for 2024 (\$4000+\$320 from Bucyrus story day at Bucyrus designated for children's programming+\$160 in donations from Bucyrus Retirees = \$4,480)
- Approval of funding for Black History Month Concert
- Election of 2024 Officers (President: Sue Hebner, Vice President: Pat Budish, Secretary: Patty Robinson, Treasurer: Valerie Jean) and Board of Directors (Sandy Moen as our most recent Past President)

Informational Items

- Membership Update
- Upcoming Events
 - Black History Month Concert on Saturday, February 10, 2024 (2-3 volunteers needed)
 - Election Day Bake Sale on February 20 (Donations needed)
- November Cousins fundraiser netted \$291.18; next event Monday, February 26, 2024 4-7pm

Library Update by Tristan

- Library Bowling Fundraiser (\$1,386.23 raised using Friends permit for raffle baskets and 50/50 raffle minus \$278.42 in expenses for a net profit of \$1,107.81)
- South Milwaukee Civic Grant (\$1004.03 left after \$5,063.19 expenditure in November)
- Black History Month Concert
- Explore pass grant (\$500) to match \$1000 grant
- Elevator fund

Old Business

- Social to energize members, get to know each other better, and recruit new volunteers (Jan/Feb date)
- Create sub-committee to redo basement
- Continue discussion on adding outside vendors to book sale
- * Discuss what to do with Last Chance books

New Business

- 2024 meeting dates and events

Motion to Adjourn (requires a second and vote to approve)

Next meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the library

Per ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS Section 1. which state: These bylaws may be amended, in whole or in part, by two-thirds vote of those present at a meeting of the Friends provided that the meeting notice contains specific notice of intention and that a summary of proposed change/changes is included, I am proposing the following changes to the Friends Bylaws:

Proposed Amendments to Friends of South Milwaukee Library Bylaws

These changes were suggested by Lynn Meidam, a local attorney and 2023 president of the Library Board after some confusion interpreting our current bylaws. Both changes are similar to wording already in the Library Bylaws.

Current Bylaws

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6. The term of the president, vice president and other officers is one year; however, they may continue to serve, if reelected, for an additional two terms.

Proposed Change *(Add language in bold type.)*

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Current Bylaws

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Friends Board may hold an annual meeting once a year, at a time and place determined by the board. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum, and action on motions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of those present. Notices of meetings shall be sent two weeks in advance of the date thereof.

Proposed Change *(Change definition of a quorum from 15 members to those present.)*

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Friends Board may hold an annual meeting once a year, at a time and place determined by the board. **The members present at any properly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum**, and action on motions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of those present. Notices of meetings shall be sent two weeks in advance of the date thereof.

Finally, Lynn stated in her November 1, 2023 email: “I interpret Article IV Section 3 to set the maximum number of consecutive terms a member may serve to be 3 terms for a total of nine. After 3 terms, the member must wait one year. If a member serves one three year term, and is not elected the fourth year, that member could start another series of 3 terms in year five.”