

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, May 20, 2021, Via Zoom due to COVID-19

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair B. Olson.

Committee members present (attending remotely): Brent Olson, Duane Anderson, Dennis Ulrich, Marlys Bjur, Julie Asmus and Eric Rudningen. Admin Staff present: Laurie Ortega
Guest: Cindy Hendrickx, head librarian, Appleton. Absent: John Winter, Doug Erickson, and Ron Antony.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. All votes were taken by roll call.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Ulrich, seconded by Asmus.

There were no minutes to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

- A. **The April 2021 Financial Report** was approved on a motion by Ulrich, seconded by Bjur.

- B. **Bills and Check Registers** were approved on a motion by Ulrich, seconded by Anderson.

Personnel Committee:

- **New Hires:** No new hires.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:

- A. **Legislative Update:** Legislative leaders announced a budget deal May 17th as the clock wound down on the last day of the regular session. The deal includes \$525 in new spending for E-12 for the next two years. Leaders did not stipulate how that money is to be spent. Instead, the various conference committees have been instructed to agree to the spending in their budget bills by May 28th. Library RLBSS (funding increase and formula change) bill is stuck in committee. No guesses as to where this will go as conference committees move forward. The legislature will be back in special session around June 14 to (hopefully) finish up.

- B. **Service Updates:** Social distancing, along with time and occupancy limits, are currently in force in libraries. These limits will be removed effective Friday, May 28th per the governor's new guidance on indoor Covid restrictions. Libraries have been asked to begin easing back to normal, with the goal of having meeting rooms and indoor seating areas fully opened by July 1.
We will continue to offer Curbside service during regular hours for those who wish to use it. Outside rather than inside library programs remain highly encouraged throughout the summer.

Effective May 14th fully vaccinated individuals may go without masks in most settings. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks until fully vaccinated. Based on this guidance PLS no longer requires patrons to wear masks when using the library. Signage encouraging individuals not fully vaccinated to continue masking has replaced 'masks required' signage. PLS continues to make masks available for patrons who wish to wear them.

Fully vaccinated employees may choose to go without a mask. Fully vaccinated employees who choose to continue masking are fully supported in that decision. Following discussion, the Executive/Finance Committee supports requiring employees not fully vaccinated to continue to wear a mask until July 1 or until they are fully vaccinated.

C. Health Insurance: PLS is expecting an increase in health insurance premiums around 9% for 2022. This is based on PEIP's July renewal rates. We will begin looking around this fall to see what other options may be available to us.

OTHER: Next full board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. (this will be a virtual meeting per Exec/Finance approval)

Executive/Finance Meetings: July 17, August 19, September 16 @ 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:42 p.m.

Recording Secretary – Laurie Ortega