

SPOONER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
421 High Street, Spooner, WI
January 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – Kevan called meeting to order at 10:00 AM

B. ROLL CALL – Bodzislav, Bruce, Ford, Kevan, Schmitz, Koverman

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

D. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Communications Plan

- a. The committee reviewed the case statement organizational impact section, discussing 5- and 10-year impacts. The Director will make edits and bring back to the committee. The committee began the Project Specifics sections, ending with #3.

2. Digital Equity Grant

- a. Round one awards have been announced, none in Wisconsin yet. There are still funds that are not awarded, so more award rounds will take place. The committee discussed plans for if the grant is not awarded for this project. Thoughts included continually seeking out other grant opportunities, continue working with the City on the acquisition of the property, and reaching out to BrandRaise to see if they would be interested in a large-scale capital campaign. It is estimated that the cost of a 16,500 square foot library (new build) would mean a fundraiser of \$11.4 million. A really thorough discussion took place on the importance of continuing to pursue this project, especially with the \$650,000 that is already pledged. Once the property is secured, the plan could be reaching out to the family that pledged \$500,000 to see if they could pay for the acquisition of the property. A discussion took place on the real possibility that the old firehall location could be a remodel and addition rather than a tear down. This would save a significant amount of money and would probably make the community more supportive of the project. The current facility has an upstairs, so an elevator may be necessary. Bodzislav suggested that meeting rooms could be upstairs. Koverman talked about the possibility of an elevator that is housed outside, with the entrance being inside. This could save money on the install and in the long run. Schmitz talked about the importance of finding a happy medium between a common-sense building plan and the architect's plan. When pursuing the capital campaign, a new rendering/floor plan and a more thorough estimate will need to take place.

E. NEW BUSINESS – None

F. NEXT MEETING DATE – Set February 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM as next meeting date.

G. ADJOURN – Adjourned meeting at 11:01 AM.