

WYLD Governing Board Minutes  
August 17, 2023

Rachel called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Members present: Rachel Crocker, Kip Roberson, Jon Harwood, Lorene Heinzen, Cristine Braddy, Sarah Kuhbacher, Jamie Markus, and Des Saunders.

Also present : Kate Mutch

Members absent: Karen Horner and Maggie Unterseher

Lorene moved/Jamie seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Cristine moved and Jon seconded to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Jamie Markus presented his report:

- WSL has been doing new director orientations. There has been a 47% turnover rate in directors.
- Amy Long is the new director at Sheridan County.
- WSL is going through some staffing changes. There is an opening for the electronic resources librarian. Tekla Slider, Government Documents, will be leaving at the end of August, and Susan Mark will be retiring early next year. There is a new position that will oversee outreach and grants.
- The 12.6 million capital campaign grant application will be launched later this month.

Des Saunders presented her report:

- Katie Rahman will be leaving at the end of this week. She has sent out a message to the director's list to remind member libraries that WYLD staff might be a little slower to respond, but she does not anticipate any issues with the day-to-day running of the system. Shantry and Cori have been doing a lot of cross-training.
- WYLD office is moving ahead with the implementation of Message Bee.
- Met with OCLC regarding the winding down of VDX and making sure that as changes are made we do not go backwards and lose functions we already have. It looks like these changes might be in the Spring or Summer of 2024.

### **Old Business**

Lorene moved and Kip seconded to approve the Overdrive reconsideration policy as presented. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

No new business

### **Governing Board Member Reports**

- Rachel wanted to thank the WYLD staff for the great job they did at the WYLD annual meeting.
- Kip had nothing to report.

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- Jon had reported that they have gotten a grant to digitize the UP collection of documents that they have been housing.
- Lorene had nothing to report.
- Christine reported that they have broken ground for an outdoor learning space.
- Sarah had nothing to report.

Rachel noted the next meeting will be on September 21 at 11:00. Kip and Lorene noted that they will not be able to attend that meeting. Lorene also noted that she will not be at the October meeting.

Rachel adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Mutch, Recorder