

Columbia County Library System Board
January 15, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Lodi Women's Club Public Library
Lodi, WI

Board Members in Attendance:

Susanna Bradley
Judy Eulberg
Nan Hughes
Nancy Long
Susan Martin
Margaret (Peg) Vaughan

Absent Board Member:

Dianne Effinger

Library Directors in Attendance:

Trish Frankland (Lodi)
Shannon Schultz (Portage) County Resource Librarian

The meeting was properly noticed by e-mail and by publication in the Portage Daily Register.

Judith Eulberg (the only Board officer in attendance) called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:

With the addition of 'Library Advocate of the Year' to the agenda, Nancy Long moved that the amended agenda be approved. Nan Hughes seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously by the Board.

Minutes of the December 11, 2015 Meeting:

Judy Eulberg noted that a correction to the minutes should be made to the SCLS report. It should be revised to state: Martha Van Pelt reported that Randolph has been added to the South Central Library System and that the library in Rome, WI (Adams County) has been added to LINK. (Revision underscored).

Susan Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; after Nan Hughes' second, the motion was approved by acclimation.

Because of questions raised by the new members of the Board, this was followed by a discussion of what LINK is and how non-members are handled.

Election of Officers:

Judy explained that because of the resignation of the President of the Board and the death of the Vice President, a new slate of officers would be elected at this meeting instead of at the April meeting when the election is normally conducted.

Secretary:

Judy Eulberg nominated Susan Martin to serve as Secretary, and the nomination was seconded by Susanna Bradley.

Vice President:

Susan Martin nominated Nan Hughes to serve in that role, and Nancy Long seconded it.

President:

Susan Martin nominated Judy Eulberg to take over the duties of the President, and Susanna Bradley seconded that nomination.

All three nominees agreed to serve and the slate was approved unanimously.

S.C.L.S.Report: None

Resource Librarian’s Report:

Shannon Schultz explained that at its December meeting, the Board had agreed to revising the communication schedule for the Annual Library Advocate of the year program. Instead of sending the request for nominations during the busy holiday season, it was decided to postpone it until after the first of the year. The letters to the county library directors will be sent in the next week, with nominations due by the beginning of March. This will allow the Board members to review the nominations before its March meeting.

Library Visits:

For the benefit of the new Board members, Judy Eulberg explained that each Board member is assigned to partner with one or more of the county’s libraries, to offer support and to become more familiar with the varied services the libraries offer. Because of the change in Board membership since the original pairings were made, a revised schedule was decided upon:

| <u>Library</u> | <u>Board Member</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cambria | Peg Vaughan |
| Columbus | Susan Martin |
| Lodi | Judy Eulberg |
| Pardeeville (Angie Cox Library) | Dianne Effinger |
| Portage | Judy Eulberg |
| Poynette | Nan Hughes |
| Randolph | Nancy Long |
| Rio | Susan Martin |

Wisconsin Dells (Kilbourn Library)
Wyocena

Susanna Bradley
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Susanna Bradley reported on her attendance at a recent Board meeting of the Wyocena Public Library. The library is experiencing financial difficulties, and it is unable to go out with another referendum because it is the Village of Wyocena officials who are responsible for formulating referenda, not various Boards. The library has a small but enthusiastic Friends' group and a supportive library board. Various fund raising efforts have been tried, and the library director applied for an Alliant Energy 'strategic visioning' grant which was not awarded. It was thought that a grant application for a specific library program might have been more successful.

General Information Exchange:

Nan Hughes recently attended a Parent Group meeting at which fund raising was discussed. She said that some merchandisers such as Schwans (food delivery service) offer fund raising opportunities. Judy Eulberg added that Portage high school recently had a fund raiser backed by sales of Pampered Chef products.

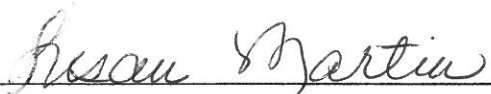
Nancy Long said that she had recently seen a report titled 'Reinvisioning Public Libraries' on the Aspen Institute website and urged that the County Library System Board members check it out because it discusses where libraries are heading.

Margaret Vaughan mentioned the Fast Forward Films series on public affairs, with low cost DVDs and topics of interest for libraries.

Next Columbia County Library System Meeting:

Will be at 9:00 a.m. Friday, March 18, 2016 at the Angie Cox Memorial Library in Pardeeville. This will be the Board's annual meeting with the county library directors, and the Library Advocate of the Year will be announced.

President Judy Eulberg adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.



Susan Martin, Secretary