

Columbia County Library System Board
January 15, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

President Nancy Long called the meeting to order at 9:04 and noted the meeting had been properly posted.

Board Members Present:

Gus Knitt, Nancy Long, Betty Reiter, Linda Ross, Beth Ann Scott and Eric Shimpach.

Board Members Absent:

Dianne Effinger (with notice)

Library Directors and Guests in attendance:

Alex LeClair, Lodi, Roxanne Staveness, Rio, Debbie Bird, Portage /County Resource Librarian, Mark Ibach, SCLS Consulting Services Coordinator, Debra Torrison (9:08), Guest.

Approval of Agenda:

Betty Reiter made a motion to approve the agenda and Beth Ann Scott seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made by Eric Shimpach to approve the minutes of the November meeting as written, Beth Ann Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Items for discussion:

Update of County libraries operations and handling of COVID-19: Portage currently has curb side pickup and hopes to announce they will reopen on January 25th. Lodi also has curb side pickup and reopened to the public recently. Rio has maintained open hours. They also offer front door service. Cambria, Poynette, Randolph and Wisconsin Dells are open. Pardeeville and Wyocena offer curb side pickup but are closed to the public.

SCLS Update: Linda Ross has been nominated to be the alternate to the SCLS board.

Mark Ibach reported the annual report data is being prepared for the Division for Library and Technology. The report is due January 22nd. The Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference is planned for January 27th and 28th. Most of the SCLS staff is working from home. The delivery service is back to 90% volume.

Library Legislation Day: February 16-18. The morning agenda will be held via video conference on February 16 and virtual appointments with legislators will be spread out during the week.

Update on PSA and cooperative programming by libraries: Alex LeClair suggested compiling a document with a photo and quick comment from patrons on why they support their library. Eric Shimpach suggested informing county supervisors of library events and activities via email.

Update on CCLSB vacancies and renewals: Gus Knitt will be leaving the board in June. Debra Torrison, Cambria MS/HS Principal's name has been submitted to the county board to replace

Gus Knitt this summer. Dianne Effinger, Wisconsin Dells has resigned. A search is underway to find a candidate in the Wisconsin Dells area.

Update on Advocate of the Year: The nomination form has been sent to directors and the due date is February 15th.

Action Items:

Election of officers:

President: Betty Reiter nominated Nancy Long for CCLSB president and Gus Knitt seconded it. Gus Knitt made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Nancy Long.

Vice President: Eric Shimpach volunteered to have his name submitted to this position. Gus Knitt nominated Eric Shimpach and Beth Ann Scott seconded it. Motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Eric Shimpach.

Secretary: After discussion, Nancy Long nominated Betty Reiter to continue as secretary and Beth Ann Scott seconded it. Motion to close nominations by Linda Ross, seconded by Beth Ann Scott. Nancy Long made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot.


Set next meeting date and location: After discussion the Portage Library was selected for our next meeting if it is a physical meeting, otherwise we will Zoom. This will be determined by March first. The meeting is set for March 19, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Information sharing.

Roxanne Staveness, shared that Rio will be joining the Link Cat catalog and Biblioation on June 1st. All libraries in Columbia county are now subscribing. Roxanne also shared that all libraries in the county are pooling resources to hire quality performers on a variety of topics. "The Virtual Project" events will be available via Zoom. Be sure to sign up.

Motion by Betty Reiter to adjourn at 10 a.am. and seconded by Linda Ross.

Respectfully submitted,


Betty Reiter 1/18/21