

Columbia County Library Systems Board
January 18, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Wyocena Public Library
Wyocena, WI

Board Members in Attendance:

Susanna Bradley
Dianne Effinger
Nan Hughes
Nancy Long (9:15)
Betty Reiter
Linda Ross
Beth Ann Scott

Library Directors in Attendance:

Emily Goad – Portage Public Library/County Resource Librarian
Tracie Miller – Wyocena

Board President Nan Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Nan called the roll and noted the meeting had been properly noticed by publication and in the Portage Daily Register.

Approval of Agenda:

Susanna Bradley moved that the agenda be approved, and Linda Ross seconded it. It was approved unanimously.

Minutes of the November 16, 2018 Meeting:

Beth Ann Scott made a motion to approve the minutes with correction (Dianne Effinger was inadvertently omitted from attendance). Susanna Bradley seconded the motion. Motion was approved without dissent.

In absence of Shawn Brommer, Nan has had discussion with her on our desire to prepare a Columbia County Library Systems Board brochure so when we go to library board meetings they will be better informed what our board is about. Nan will contact Graphic Services Director, Deb Haeffner about this. Nancy shared the continuing work with PULSAR and COLAND issues. SCLS board has set up a building assessment to address their need for space in one building.

Resource Library Report:

Emily recently attended a meeting with county librarians. New directors in our county are; Whitney Parrillo, Randolph, Tracie Miller, Wyocena, and interim director at Lodi, Mary Friesen. Lodi will be looking for a new director. January 29th Lodi will be hosting a forum, to discuss changes and will include a listening session. Shannon Schultz, from South

Central will moderate it. Pardeeville continues to work on their historical digitization process. Columbus will be getting a new prairie design sign for their 106-year-old Carnegie Library with funds from the DOT street reconstruction project. Poynette will begin their digitization process beginning with their yearbooks. Portage will be replacing their sprinkler system in the fall. The Friends of the Portage Library will be holding two book sales this year spring and fall. They will try to make this process fun. Portage and Poynette directors are working along with Mark Jochem on a Resource Fair. Cindy Fesemyer, Columbus, is doing a "PHILLY Free Engagement project." There will be four session on ways libraries can engage in the community more effectively.

In 2018, our board voted to fund "Tutor.com" on an unlimited basis. Emily handed out a handout for us. This program is available to students, elementary to adults in our county. Tutors give amazing dependable, reliable resources. You can connect with a tutor.com without appointment. You can submit a paper for review and they will contact you within twelve hours. You can discuss errors you made on a quiz and get correct answers. They will help you prepare a resume, there are educational games, you can watch videos on your topic, you can take a practice quiz and prepare for the SAT, ACT and other tools with includes getting an early edge on Middle School. Every time you talk to a tutor it is saved. You can also request the same tutor if you wish. We each need to be promoting this excellent resource at our libraries and connect to it on their web page. There was discussion on how to connect with school librarians to promote this tool. We discussed setting up a forum with English teachers and school librarians to discuss this tool.

Discuss Annual Report to the CCB and 2019 Goals:

Our board needs to be proactive in what we need to accomplish throughout the year. Goal #1 on our 2019 action plan. We need to continue to tell our stories. Collaborating with other libraries helps meets this goal. We need to make known what we are doing but we also need to let it be known what we'd like to do with more funding.

Election of officers:

Betty Reiter made a motion to retain Nan Hughes as the CCLSLB President, Beth Ann Scott seconded it. Nancy Long nominated Susanna Bradley to continue as our Vice President. Dianne Effinger seconded it. Susanna Bradley nominated Betty Reiter to continue her role as Secretary. Beth Ann Scott seconded it. All three were unanimously elected and graciously accepted their roles. Susanna Bradley made a motion to recommend that Nancy Long continue as the South Central Library System Representative and Nan Hughes as alternate. Betty Reiter seconded it. Recommendation was approved unanimously.

Library Legislative Day Events:

Nan handed out the information sheet on the upcoming WLA Legislative Day 2019, February 12th. Susanna showed interest in attending.

Reports on Library Visits:

Nan attended the Lodi board meeting. Lodi is working with many recent changes. Nan was impressed with the makeup of the board. They will be hosting a forum January 29th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The interim director, Mary Friesen has agreed to stay until March. They have dealt well with the water/mold situation. Lodi is trying to be inclusive with more teen involvement.

Finalize Program for the March Meeting with Columbia County Directors at Columbus Public Library:

A round-robin meeting will take place discussing funding streams, and working through funding requests and communicating library services.

March agenda: We need to look at attending township meetings. We need to figure out what percent of the county budget the libraries receive.

Advocate of the Year:

After discussion, Susana Bradley made a motion to nominate Gerald & Lauren Lueck of Pardeeville our 2019 Advocate of the Year winners and Beth Ann Scott seconded the nomination. Nomination passed unanimously. The winner will be announced at our March meeting. Our secretary, Betty Reiter will coordinate with the Pardeeville library director to prepare a press release.

Our next meeting will be March 15 at Columbus.

We adjourned at 11 a.m.



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