

Columbia County Library System Board
January 19, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Angie W. Cox Public Library
Pardeeville, WI

Board Members in Attendance:

Susana Bradley
Dianne Effinger
Nan Hughes
Nancy Long
Betty Reiter

Absent Board Member with prior notice:

Susan Martin

Library Directors in Attendance:

Jessica Bergin – Portage Public Library/County Resource Librarian
Terry Miller – New part time Director, Angie W. Cox Public Library

Visitors and Guests in Attendance:

Shawn Brommer – South Central Library System

Board President Nan Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:05. Betty called the roll. Nan noted that the meeting had been properly posted. She welcomed guests and thanked them for attending the meeting.

President Hughes also thanked Pardeeville's new part time Director, Terry Miller, for hosting the meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Betty Reiter has volunteered to serve as Secretary in absence of Susan Martin.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2017 Meeting:

Nancy Long moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Betty Reiter seconded the motion; it was approved without dissent.

CCLB Board Vacancy:

Apparently, there was a miscommunication with the County Board concerning our candidate to fill the vacancy on the CCLS board. County Board Chair Vern Grove nominated Linda Ross, Poynette. Jessica Bergin spoke with County Clerk Sue Moll and explained that the CCLB had planned to nominate Beth Ann Scott but hadn't heard if she would accept this nomination. Grove withdrew the nomination. Beth Ann has since been informed of her nomination and has expressed interest in having her name submitted to the County Board. Nancy Long nominated Beth Ann Scott to the CCLB, Diane Effinger seconded it. Motion passed. When there is an opening on this board, Ms. Ross will be considered. Ms. Bergin will contact Beth Ann Scott and invite her to our March meeting.

Election of Officers:

Betty Reiter nominated Nan Hughes to continue to serve as the CCLB President, and that nomination was seconded by Susanna Bradley. Nancy Long nominated Susanna Bradley to serve as Vice-president

and Diane Effinger seconded it. Nancy Long nominated Betty Reiter to serve as Secretary and Diane Effinger seconded it. All nominations passed.

Annual Report to the County Board:

Jessica Bergen opened the discussion. Susanna mentioned that there will be six new board members since our last report. With our suggestions and suggestions from Directors she will prepare the report which is due March 16, 2018.

Status of Budgeting (The Institute of Museum and Library Services)

No news/updates to report on the topic.

Advocate of the Year:

There was only one nomination this year. Diane Effinger nominated The Friends of the Wyocena Library, Susanna Bradley seconded that nomination. Jessica Bergin will see that the plaque is purchased and presented at the CCLB meeting in March.

Resource Library Report:

Jessica Bergin is preparing the annual report to present to the County Board. She will purchase the plaque for the Advocate of the Year. We talked about the agenda for the March CCLB meeting with County Directors. Jessica suggested we invite Mark Ibach, Consulting Services Coordinator, South Central Library System. He recently did a webinar with library Directors on preparing their annual library reports. Jessica reminded us the "Wild Wisconsin Winter" web conference is coming soon. The conference begins Jan. 24th. This is geared for library staff members of all levels. Presenters Jean Anderson and Craig Ellison will discuss technology. Someone asked if school librarians might benefit from this. Nan Hughes will pass this on to them.

SCLS Report:

Shawn Brommer, suggested a topic for our next meeting could address the frequency of local libraries being asked to help community members that are looking for jobs. Wood County has been highly impacted in this area. The State has closed many Job Services sites. Librarians are expected to fill that gap. Perhaps this could be a partnership between the State, County, County Social Services and local libraries? It could include large and small businesses as well as home businesses. Possibly the Portage Library could be a pilot for such a program? Perhaps funding for this could be found. Shawn also mentioned the stress of Library Directors. Perhaps there would be time to discuss their various issues. She informed us that Jenna Anderson, Continuing Education Consultant from SCLS is preparing a workshop on conflict resolution. Youth Services librarians will be meeting in Portage to learn how to use "Google Forms". They will be shown how to prepare online forms to simplify registration for summer library programs. It will help with record keeping

County Library Advocacy Initiatives:

Nan Hughes reported that Cindy Fesemyer, director of the Columbus Public Library, and Sue Salter, Columbus Public Library Board Member, met with the Fall River Village Board and gave the village board members information on the services that the Columbus Public Library offers to residents of Fall River. A PowerPoint presentation was shared at the time.

Reports on Library Visits:

There were none to report.

Agenda for March Meeting and Set Next Meeting Date:

Mark Ibach, SCLS Consulting Services Coordinator will have a 15 to 30-minute presentation. Additional items; advocacy, workgroup, presentation of plaque, director reports and budgeting concerns. Our next meeting will be March 16, 2018 at Portage Public Library.

President Hughes adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Betty Reiter

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