

**Columbia County Library Board
Columbus Public Library
March 1, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Linda Ross, Chair; Debra Torrison, Vice Chair; Eleanor McLeish; Liz Miller; Betty Reiter; Troy Ryan

Directors Present: Amanda Wakeman, Columbus; Debbie Bird Portage; Jodi Bailey, Poynette; Patti Sadoski, Randolph; Roxanne Staveness, Rio; Cathy Borck, Wisconsin Dells; Darrell Fehn, Wyocena

Also Present: Tracie Miller, SCLS Representative; Beth Ann Scott; Sue Salter

1. Roll Call

2. Certify meeting was properly noticed

Ross noted meeting was properly posted.

3. Approval of minutes of the agenda

Motion by Miller, second by Ryan to approve agenda. Motion passed.

4. Approval of the minutes of previous meeting

Motion by Miller, second by Reiter to approve January 19, 2024 minutes minutes with one correction, Henry St. Maurice was appointed to the SCLS board. Motion passed.

5. Chair Report

Beth Ann Scott resigned from the Board but will continue to help where needed. Sue Salter's name has been submitted to the County Board for approval to fill the vacancy.

6. Communications:

a. Update from SCLS

Shannon Schultz's first day as new Director will be March 8. Delivery has moved to new building and more drivers and helpers are being hired. Calendar of events now running under LocalHub which does not work on Microsoft Explorer but will work on Google Chrome. Annual report completed and delivered to DPI. Letter to library directors will go out by March 8th. Agenda for March 21st meeting with directors will be online soon.

b. Library visits

None visited. Board members encouraged to sign up.

c. Library activity sharing

Columbus - yoga, Music & Motion, local author workshop with kids, Frogwater concert in March, seed gardening, \$10,000 grant received to modernize and make restrooms ADA accessible & gender neutral

Pardeeville - yoga, Essentrics workout, egg hunt, three different craft classes each month, remodeling basement

Wisconsin Dells - 275 people attended Open House in January, teens & tweens attending two new cooking/craft classes, pizza & game night every other week, children's librarian hitting the ground running

Wyocena - 200 people attended the December tree lighting ceremony, caroling, concert, bake sale, etc.

Rio - preview of high school's performance of Cabaret at library, summer reading program, eclipse kit available and school invited to library April 4th, WI author Annalise Ryan coming in September, talk by Fay Underall in May, restarting story time and Music & Motion in April, children's lunches available for 7 weeks provided by local organizations

Portage - EMS referendum passed, Karl Kindschi will be presented Advocate of the Year award at Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon April 25, Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries providing a dementia information session with four panelists on May 2

Poynette - Grandpa & Lucy book, spice box cooking class, scavenger hunt in March, home school programs going well

Randolph - asking Village for more staffing, book club, toddler time, dementia live, summer reading program theme is Inclusion & guest speaker to come, 139 people attended arts show which raised \$1,300 for new flooring, puzzle palooza, six sewing machines borrowed from SCLS used in sewing program, teens helping with technology issues, students being trained in early childhood education

7. Unfinished business

a. Discussion and possible action on term limits of Library Board Trustees

Board terms start in May and end in April. Updated list of Board members and term expiration dates distributed. List of Columbia County Library Meetings 2024 distributed.

8. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Columbia County Annual Report

Director Bird combined information from all Columbia County Libraries into the Annual Report to the Columbia County Board. Motion by Miller, second by Torrison to approve. Motion passed. Thank you, Debbie.

9. Public input

Sue Salter is looking forward to becoming a Board member. Liz Miller encouraged everyone to vote April 2 and to ask County Board candidates about their opinions on libraries and finances. Tracie Miller noted the percentage of financial support libraries received from their respective county boards: Green County - 70% but other funds given for libraries to use; Sauk County - 100% plus money for technology; Wood County - 100% plus delivery costs; Marquette County - 100%; Columbia County - 70%.

10. Set next meeting date and location - May 17, 2024, 9:00 - Portage Public Library

11. Adjournment by Ross, 10:08

Submitted by: Eleanor McLeish, Acting Secretary