

Columbia County Library Board

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2023

Pardeeville Angie Cox Public Library

Members in Attendance: Linda Ross, Chair; Debra Torrison, Vice Chair; Beth Ann Scott, Secretary; Eleanor McLeish; Liz Miller; Betty Reiter; Eric Shimpach.

SCLS Representative: Tracie Miller

Directors in Attendance: Amanda Wakeman, Cambria; Debbie Bird, Portage; Jodi Bailey, Poynette; Darrell Fehd, Wyocena; Lindsay Ganz, Columbus; Joan Foster and Kristie Nielson Corning, Pardeeville; Cathy Borch, Wisconsin Dells; Roxanne Staveness, Rio.

Linda called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. It was noted the meeting had been properly post. Introductions were made.

Public Input: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Liz Miller and seconded by Deb Torrison. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes of the January 20, 2023 Meeting: Motion made by Deb Torrison and seconded by Liz Miller. Eric Shimpach abstained. Motion carried.

Chair Report: Nothing new to report.

Items of Discussion:

Update from SCLS: Tic Toc has been banded by Governor Evers on state sites. DPI and SCLS have also banned TicToc. There is a spring scholarship available through SCLS. Libraries are asked to check on Cyber Security insurance. SCLS is in the process of moving to the new building and so technology will be shut down Memorial Weekend, Saturday through Tuesday.

Library Visits: Sign up sheet was passed around

Review of By Laws and discuss the need for Updates: The board looked over the By Laws and thought it best for everyone to review them again and make changes at the next meeting.

Angie W.Cox Public Library use of \$1000 County Support: Half the money was used for children's library books. Other books like cook books and adult reading books were purchased also.

Library Activity Sharing:

Columbus – repairs to the building are being worked on, in May they are planning on a Star Wars Party; Pardeeville – Writer Jacquelyn Mitchard will be speaking March 18 at 2:00 pm. The book sales have gone well; Rio – Will be having a cooking program soon, there will be a Spring into Spring event, April 5 the movie "Tail Spin" will be shown with the author of the book being in attendance. Summer reading and Community Summer Lunch program will be held again this year; Wisconsin Dells – An open house was held in January with 156 people attending; There is a member of the staff retiring so a new hire is being sought. Friends of the library will be moving into the old library building; a teen cooking program will be starting soon and in May there will be a Monarch Butterfly club; Poynette - the reading program will ending in May, There are different teen programs being looked at ; Cambria – April 10 they will be moving out so that the remodeling can be finished, a summer reading program is being planned; Portage – the library is now full staffed! Trying different ways to promote the library, more volunteers are coming to help in the library as well as the Friends group; Wyocena - An outdoor sign has been donated to the library, March 30 will host an Opening Day of Baseball event, a reading program will start in April, there will be a tree lighting ceremony soon.

Action Items:

The Columbia County report showed an increase in program attendance and circulation.

There are 4 people nominated for Advocate of the year. Wyocena, Randolph, Rio and Wisconsin Dells have each submitted one nominee.

The next meeting will be May 19 at 9:00 a.m. in Wisconsin Dells. This is a joint meeting with the directors.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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