

Columbia County Library System Board
March 19, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Board Members Present:

Gus Knitt (9:15), Nancy Long, Betty Reiter, Linda Ross, Troy Ryan, Beth Ann Scott and Eric Shimpach.

South Central Library Services, Mark Iback.

Library Directors and Guests in Attendance:

Joan Foster, Pardeeville, Cathy Borck, Wisconsin Dells, Lindsey Ganz (9:30), Columbus. Deb Torrison (9:15), guest.

President Nancy Long called the meeting to order at 9:01AM and noted the meeting had been properly posted.

Approval of Agenda:

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the agenda. Betty Reiter seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

Linda Ross made a motion to approve the January minutes. Beth Ann Scott seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Discussion:

Update from SCLS:

Lodi and Pardeeville have taken this time to improve their facilities. SCLS has facilitated some webinars with topics such as job and career. Portage library is working with social services and workforce development as a facilitator for public access. Libraries continue to scan data for digitizing.

Update on Strategic Plan:

The Strategic Plan was discussed. The plan has helped in the preparation of the annual report.

Update on PSA and Cooperative Programing by libraries:

Alex LeClair, Lodi director is compiling photos and patron comments supporting our county libraries.

Lindsey Ganz, Columbus, is coordinating with all county library directors to provide cooperative adult web programs with topics such as, History of Jazz, Let's Plant a Garden, Cook Along, Native American Mounds, etc. Small libraries have benefited significantly from these programs.

Library Visits:

No visits to report.

Update on Library Reopen and Summer Reading Program:

Libraries in the county are all open to the public, hours vary. Many still offer curbside pickup. Programs for the summer are being planned. Some libraries will meet physically, but planning outdoor activities. Some will do a virtual program.

Action Items:

Approval of Award for Advocate of the Year:

Linda Ross made a motion to approve the nomination of the Rio Friends of the Library (RALF) as our 2021 Advocate of the Year award. Gus Knitt seconded it. Motion passed.

Approval of the Annual Report for 2020:

Betty Reiter made a motion to approve the Annual Report. Beth Ann Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Set Meeting Date and Location:

We will be meeting May 21st. If we are able to physically meet we will meet in Wisconsin Dells. This plan will be finalized May 1st.

We adjourned at 10:20

Respectfully submitted,


Betty Reiter