

Columbia County Library System Board
May 19, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Wyocena Library
Wyocena, Wisconsin

Board Members in Attendance:

Susanna Bradley
Dianne Effinger
Nan Hughes
Nancy Long
Susan Martin
Betty Reiter
Margaret Vaughan

Library Directors in Attendance:

Jessica Bergin – Portage Public Library /County Resource Librarian
Lindsey Ganz – Poynette Area Public Library
Krystin Sommers – Wyocena Library

Also in Attendance:

Shawn Brommer – South Central Library System Youth Services and
Outreach Consultant

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Minutes of the March 17, 2017:Meeting:

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

Draft Resolution to the County Board Regarding the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Jessica Bergin, Shawn Brommer and Nancy Long explained that the resolution was drafted in response to the proposal that the Federal budget would eliminate funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). However, the Federal budget compromise that was reached to avoid a government shutdown saved funding for the IMLS. This issue will be continued to be monitored, and Sue Martin made a motion to table the resolution to a date certain (the CCLSB July 21 meeting), and the motion, seconded by Betty Reiter, was unanimously approved .

Library Advocate of the Year:

Nan Hughes reported on the award ceremonies held to honor the two 2017 Library Advocates of the Year. The Poynette library honored Lora Broadhurst at its Annual

Meeting in April, while Marvin Jensen of the Portage Library was recognized at a special employee appreciation celebration at that library.

Resource Librarian's Report:

Ms. Bergin summarized the topics discussed at the County Library Directors' meeting held earlier this month. They included the Tutor.com contract renewal and the potential of increasing the number of sessions since all of this year's sessions have been used; the contract runs from July-June.

The SCLS All Directors meeting on May 18 focused on the 2018 budget, the future of IMLS funding and its impact on the cost of the system's delivery services, as well as the purchase of e- and audio books.

Jessica will begin work on the 2018 budget before this Board's next meeting. The budget and the cost of delivery services were discussed, and it was agreed that the Board strongly consider requesting an increase of 5% in the county's reimbursement (from the present 80% to 85%) in the 2018 county library budget. It was also agreed that Jessica Bergin spearhead the preparation of a presentation for the County Board highlighting the role that libraries play in the community as well as the importance of the system's delivery system. That system exponentially increases the resources available to the community while not increasing costs since materials are shared, eliminating duplication. It was suggested that the presentation include in-put from library patrons commenting on the value they receive from the library's services.

South Central Library System Report:

Shawn Brommer reported that a new Data Services Consultant has been added to the SCLS staff. Jody Hoesly has an engineering background, and she has also worked in a university library, and as a teacher. Shawn reported that Jody is developing 'info-graphics' based on survey data that the libraries in the system provide. Shawn and Jody are working on helping libraries develop their strategic plans since Jody is able to pull together the data needed for libraries to tell their story in ways that are not necessarily statistically based, but instead are 'info graphics.'

Shawn is very involved in the Public Library System Redesign Project, the mission of which is to ensure that all libraries in the State receive equitable services. Shawn is on a team exploring the libraries' role in continuing education, and how they can work with other agencies in the community to foster workforce development opportunities.

Shawn said that in her position she is seeing a much greater social services connection than in the past, because librarians are becoming more aware of adverse childhood experiences. This has led to a greater awareness of the potential to help families deal with their needs by identifying sources of support for them.

Library Visit Assignments:

Cambria: Nan Hughes

Columbus: Margaret Vaughn

Lodi: Betty Reiter

Pardeeville: Susannah Bradley

Portage: Sue Martin

Poynette: Sue Martin **Randolph:** Dianne Effinger **Rio:** Nancy Long
Wisconsin Dells: Betty Reiter **Wyocena:** Margaret Vaughn

Jessica Bergin will put together a list of the various libraries' board meeting schedule.

Library Appreciation and Advocacy Initiatives:

This topic will be discussed at the CCLSB meeting in July.

General Information Exchange:

Nan Hughes mentioned that the school libraries are exploring the potential for a state-wide e-book purchasing program. Both Shawn and Nan commented on reports that the millennial generation is reading more than other generations, and that they prefer print books. On the other hand, high school students do not read as much as they did when they were younger.

Next Columbia County Library System Meeting:

Friday, July 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cambria Library.

Adjournment: President Hughes adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Martin, Secretary

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