

**Columbia County Library System Board**  
**May 20, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Portage Public Library  
Portage, Wisconsin

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Susanna Bradley  
Dianne Effinger  
Judy Eulberg  
Nan Hughes  
Nancy Long  
Susan Martin  
Margaret (Peg) Vaughan

**Also in Attendance:** Shawn Brommer, South Central Library System

The meeting was properly noticed by e-mail and by publication in the Portage Daily Register.

Board president Judith Eulberg called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Susanna Bradley moved that the agenda be approved, and Nancy Long seconded the motion; it was approved by acclamation.

**Minutes of the March 18, 2016 Meeting:**

Nan Hughes moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Dianne Effinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Resource Librarian's Report:**

None

**Columbia County Library Advocate of the Year - 2016:**

This year's honoree, Mary Lou Sharpee will be presented with a certificate and the Columbus Library will be given the 'traveling trophy' at the library's June 3 'Friday Night Out' event at the library.

**South Central Library System Report:**

Shawn Brommer reported that the All Director's meeting held at the Randolph library the day before centered on the Aspen Report which examines where libraries are today and what they can become in the future. The group discussed programs that would provide support for communities, and engage with them outside of the libraries' walls. Vickie Teal Lovely explained technological advances,

such as the Printing Press and 3- D printer that libraries can borrow. Shawn said that the system's delivery system and its network were also discussed, and that SCLS was on solid financial ground.

It was agreed that libraries can offer 'community support' is to provide space for non-traditional services such as tutoring, family visitations or civic meetings. This can be accomplished with the use of 'multi-task' rooms – without the need to add space. It was mentioned that special attention should be given to 'reluctant' readers, because those children who read well and enjoy it, usually have more positive educational experiences than those who don't.

Shawn mentioned that the SCLS staff is eager to work with the libraries to formulate new programs, but that SCLS wants to ensure that the new programs support the libraries' missions.

At this point, a general discussion began on the topic of the 'old' SSSHHHH quiet library model vs. the current trend to the new model which seems to encourage more activity and noise. There was no consensus on which model was the 'best.'

#### **Library Visits:**

Susanna Bradley reported on her visit to the Kilbourn Library in Wisconsin Dells. She said she learned a great deal about the library, including the fact that it has the only Book Mobile in the South Central System. She also mentioned the library's other outreach programs, such as its alliance with a new senior citizens center in Lake Delton. She mentioned the many displays located within the library. She also plans to attend the Wyocena Library's Board meeting in May because of her concern about its financial fragility. That library is holding a Memorial Day book sale.

Nan Hughes attended the April 12 Board meeting of the Poynette Library. She commented on the newly expanded library, and reported that the library's circulation was up by 4.2%. She said that the Board is a very positive group, and that the library gets a lot of support from its Friends' group. She said she learned that SCLS can provide legal assistance to its member libraries, and asked if SCLS was going to increase fees to its members. (That question was not resolved.) She said the library had recently completed a poster and bi-fold that explained its strategic plan, and that both were very well done. Nan also paid an informal visit to the Randolph Library when she and her husband were in town. While there, she was told that the library could not have any volunteers under the age of 18, and asked the group if anyone was aware of such a 'rule.' (No one could answer that, either.)

Sue Martin attended the April 19 meeting of the Columbus Library Board and the Rio's May 16 Board meeting. She distributed copies of the reports she wrote about the meetings. Highlights- Columbus: working with the City to fund a feasibility study to explore how the library's space needs relate to other community needs. Since highway 16, on which the library is located, will be reconstructed next summer, the library is taking steps to ensure that while accessibility will be

somewhat limited, it will still be able to provide its usual services. Columbus has a very diverse and engaged Board , and the library is active participant in all community events. Highlights – Rio: The library is revising its summer program based on the “Library Challenge’ concept. With an eye toward engaging more ‘reluctant’ readers to join in., the staff is working closely with the schools. The library’s limited space has been enhanced with the addition of many storage units and a work counter. Programs ranging from ‘making a mushroom log’ to making ‘Hungry Caterpillars’ and a pre-school reading program invite community involvement.

**Next Columbia County Library System Meeting:**

Will be at 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 15 at the Poynette Public Library.

**Aadjournment:**

President Judy Eulberg adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Susan Martin, Secretary

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