

Columbia County Library System Board
May 20, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Draft Copy for Review!

Columbus Public Library
Columbus, WI

Board Members in Attendance: Linda Ross, Betty Reiter, Eric Shimpach, and Debra Torrison
Board Members Absent Without Notice: Troy Ryan and Beth Ann Scott.

Directors in Attendance: Amanda Wakeman, Cambria, Lindsey Ganz, Columbus, Alex LeClair, Lodi, Joan Foster, Pardeeville, Debbie Bird, Portage, Poynette Jodi Bailey, Jodi Bailey, Poynette, Laura Gaastra, Randolph, Roxane Staveness, Rio, Cathy Bork, Wisconsin Dells, Darrell Fehd, Wyocena

South Central Library Services: Tracie Miller

Outgoing president, Nancy Long, opened the meeting at 9AM. Our first order of business was to elect our new board president. Betty Reiter nominated Linda Ross. Eric Shimpach seconded. Linda Ross was elected by acclamation.

Linda Ross called the meeting to order at 9AM. Ms. Ross noted the meeting had been properly posted.

Public Input: Troy Ryan is now a member of the county board. His position on the Library System Board has not been decided. Appointments to the board should be made by our July meeting.

Approval of the Agenda:

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the agenda. Debra Torrison seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the agenda with a date change on page 3, paragraph 5. August 2, 2022 is changed to August 31, 2022. Debra Torrison seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Update From SCLS:

All libraries will have a two-year movie license. Libraries will be updating their web sites. As summer is here there are internships in place. August 22nd reimbursements will be sent to the counties. Summer library program questions are being answered. Shaun is working on the new building process. Plans are being made to visit new library directors. There is a ground-breaking plan with anticipation for moving in in June 2023. Trustee training will be August 22-26.

Columbus Public Library Use of \$1,000 County Support:

At the end of our meeting Lindsey Ganz did a tour of improvements that have been made to the library. The monies helped designate a new teen reading area and the computers were moved and new electricals were run to provide more privacy and handicap accessibility.

Information Sharing from Directors:

- Poynette director, Jodi Bailey, met with the parks and public works directors to create a story walk using some of their grand monies
- . Amanda Wakeman, Cambria, recently held a craft/art night with a full house. Cambria is also doing their RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tagging and waiting for the software from South Central. This technology will allow patrons to check out their own materials and will insure privacy. Cambria has been fundraising so they can do some painting in the building.
- Lindsey Ganz, Columbus hired a new employee and they have a summer intron coming. They are working on a virtual project for fall an anti-racism project. They are also working on their RFID tagging.
- Laura Gaastra, Randolph, is working on their summer programing. They are looking for local artists to display their works to freshen up the library.
- Alex LeClair, Lodi, they are planning a large summer program. Their literacy unitive is nearly complete. They have added early readers to their collection and file them by level rather than author. They are in the process of painting, installing new lighting, shelving, and furniture in the children's area.
- Darrell Fehd, Wyocena, is our newest director. Wyocena library is working on their Memorial Day book sale and bucket raffle.
- Joan Foster, Pardeeville, is working on their summer program and they will be having a children's author, Laura Tammisto coming. On September 17th Pardeeville library will host New York Times best-selling author, Jacquelyn Mitchard at the Lenz Center (High School). They are having an office remodel and are beginning their RFID tagging.
- Debbie Bird, Portage, their library is working on their summer program kick off at Pauquette Park on June 2nd with a special children's performer. For the 9th year the library will be hosting a summer lunch program. They serve close to 11,000 children at four sites. They have a new youth services librarian who had been doing a presentation at the schools. Every second Monday a representative from Second Harvest foodbank uses one of the rooms and people can go into the office and discuss their food needs. They will also be having a service intern this summer working with those in need. The library recently hosted a luncheon a chamber luncheon. Four people on staff shared about their jobs. Many were flabbergasted that the libraries no longer just check out books. They had a good Q&A time. The Portage library is one of seven sites for the "Canoes on Parade". They are promoting a Zumba class at one of the parks and have

recently begun checking out board games. Debbie Bird hosted an in-service with good results.

- Cathy Bork, Kilbourn library, Wisconsin Dells, their adult services will be hosting an author that has spent time in Cuba. Staff will be stuffing 1,000 folders with coloring sheets, how to draw sheets, crayons, stickers and including the schedule of summer events for children. Jody will be taking these folders to the schools to be handed out. They are creating a local history room. It will include showcases and displays of local history. Visitors and locals are invited to see their treasures.
- Roxanne Staveness, Rio, reminded the directors that WLA is coming up. Jason Reynolds will be the keynote speaker at the Grand Hotel in Lake Geneva. The library is having four programs this summer, Oceans of possibility, the traveling lantern, a magician and the kit from South Central for Virtual Reality. For six weeks this summer, three days a week, lunches are provided to children handed out at the library. There will be a bike to raffle. One of the summer programs at the elementary school is a Lego class. The library will be hosting this group. The building is under renovations. The gardening club is taking care of the flowers and shrubs at the library. June 4th RALF (friends group) is planning an artisan fair with 13 vendors and two food trucks. Fall programming is in the works.

Action Items:

Discussion of possible action on visit from Directors of County meeting June 15th, 7pm.:

After discussion, it was decided that a better date might be July 20th. Perhaps information on each library might be included in the board packets. A short presentation will be put together by directors. Debbie Bird will chair the group. We need to add this item to our July agenda.

Action on election of officers:

Eric Shimpach nominated Debra Torrison for vice president. Betty Reiter seconded the nomination. Motion was approved unanimously.

Eric Shimpach nominated Troy Ryan as secretary. Betty Reiter seconded the nomination. Motion was approved unanimously.

Set next meeting, date and location:

Our next meeting will be July 15th at 9AM at Poynette.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted.


Betty Reiter, Secretary 5/20/22

