

Columbia County Library System Board

May 21, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Kilbourn Public Library
Wisconsin Dells

Joint Virtual Meeting via Zoom: Directors; Lindsey Ganz, Columbus, Alex LeClair, Lodi, Joan Foster, Pardeeville, Jodi Bailey, Poynette, Whitney Parrillo, Randolph, Roxanne Staveness, Rio, and Tracie Miller, Wyocena. Mark Ibach, SCLS Consulting Services Director.

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

Directors Present: Amanda Wakeman, Cambria, Debbie Bird, Resource Director, Portage, and Cathy Bork, Wisconsin Dells. **Guest:** Deb Torrison

President Nancy Long called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and noted the meeting had been properly posted.

Approval of Agenda: Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the agenda and Betty Reiter seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the March 2021 minutes: Betty Reiter mentioned one correction, which was duly noted. Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Beth Ann Scott seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Update from SCLS: Mark Ibach shared that all county reimbursements have been received and accounted for. There will be two SCLS Foundation Cornerstone events this year. September 20th in Wisconsin Rapids and the other will be in Monona on October 7th. The state budget may not be approved until September or October. SCLS is budgeting at no increase. The SCLS board is moving forward with plans to purchase land and build a new building.

Update on Strategic Plan: There was none at this time but we did discuss upcoming county budget meetings and the possible closing of the county power plant and how it will affect budgets. Columbia County funds libraries at 73.9 % and Sauk, Dane, and Dodge fund 100%. June 29th at 9AM there will be a public meeting concerning county budget.

Update on Cooperative Programing: Lindsey Ganz shared some of the upcoming cooperative programs that will be featured and available through all 10 libraries in the county via internet. Each library lists programs on their web site and makes newspapers and radio aware. Lindsey provided a spreadsheet on the seven programs that have been presented, the attendance and the participating libraries. This is unique to our county.

Alex LeClair made a ten-minute presentation to the county board with a variety of photos and stories about what's going on in libraries in the county.

Library Visits: None this month.

Update of Summer Reading Program Plans: Many of the libraries are using their parks for programs, writers workshop, pick up packets, pop up library, outdoor events, virtual programs, and a

summer lunch program are some of the exciting events this this summer in our county. Check on your libraries web site.

Discussing of \$5,000. Joint Purchase: There was a proposal for purchase of four laptop computers, and the suggestion of a scholarship was discussed. We tabled this for our July meeting.

Action Items: None.

Chair Comments: Nancy Long presented the Advocate of the Year certificate and plaque at a recent Rio friends meeting. She recognized the fact that this is Gus Knitt's final meeting with us and we thank him for serving with this committee.

Information Sharing: Cambria will be forming a Friends of the Library group. Pardeeville will be updating their meeting room furniture.

Our next meeting will be July 16th at 9AM. Meeting location to be determined.

Gus Knitt made a motion to adjourned and seconded by Beth Ann Scott. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty Reiter, Secretary
Approved 7/16/2021