

Columbia County Library Board Meeting

Minutes from July 21, 2023 - Columbus, WI

1. Meeting was called to order by Linda Ross at 9:00 AM.

Members present: Linda Ross, Beth Scott, Liz Miller, Eleanor McLeish, Eric Shimpach.

Members absent with notice: Betty Reiter, Debra Torrison.

Guest in Attendance: Tracie Miller - SCLS, Tammy Smith, Sandy Flores, Matt Rohrback- County Board.

Directors in Attendance: Amanda Wakeman- Columbus; Debbie Bird- Portage; Jodi Bailey- Poynette; Roxanne Staveness - Rio; Cathy Bork - WI Dells; Laura Gaestra - Randolph; Alex Le Clair - Lodi.

2. The meeting was properly posted.

3. Approval of the Agenda: Liz Miller made a motion to approve the agenda. Eric seconded. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2023: Liz Miller made the motion and Eleanor Leish seconded. Motion passed. Eric abstained.

5. Chair report: Linda pointed out the calendars that WI Dells sends out. There was talk of having an email list of all members instead of mailing out the information. Maybe more can be contacted.

6. SCLS Report: Tracie brought the board up to date on the new offices and how things are progressing. WIFI is back. The hope is that by Sept. 1 everyone will be back to the office. Annual visit time is coming up. Reimbursement will be available soon so librarians can start budget work. Aug 21-25 Trustee Training will be held.

7. Library Directors Updates: Amanda Wakeman has moved to Columbus library; Tammy Smith is the new librarian at Cambria and Sandy Flores will be her assistant. Christine McGuire is the new librarian at Pardeeville.

8. Library Visits: None.

9. Library Activities Sharing:

Columbus - About 350 people have signed up for the summer programs. The theme has been Gardens; they go to the Farmers Market at Savanna Oaks. There are plans for National Night Out.

Poynette - About 340 people have signed up for summer programs. Some repairs have been made through Friends of the Library. Bookmobile is out and about at different activities. They are looking to hire a new director for Adult Services.

Portage - August 12 will have a Brat Sale by Friends of the Library. August 1 there are plans for a National Night Out. Over 500 people were served at the lunch program. They recently had a Magic Show. Some of the programs are repeated in the Winter.

Rio - There are 6 different community organizations/businesses helping with the summer lunch program where over 900 were served. There have been programs with a SWAT Team and Search and Rescue dogs. Aug 4 there will be a celebration of the end of the reading program. Rio library received a \$6,000 grant and will be using it to have classes on different computer uses.

Cambria - New director reported that about 36 kids have signed up for the reading program. They have also received a \$10,000 grant.

Randolph - Good summer programs. Aug 8 AniMart will be having Bingo at the library.

Lodi - High number in the summer programs that will wrap up the 3rd week in August. There will be a Walk/Run to raise money for the library.

10. Unfinished Business: It was discussed as to whether we can eliminate the word systems from the title. Further discussion will be needed.

11. New Business:

Budget -

- a. September 22, 9:15, there will be a Board Finance Committee review.
- b. The Board of Supervisors are asking there be no increase to the budget.
- c. Delivery expenses were discussed.
- d. Liz made a motion that Debbie present to the Board the 2024 budget with the 2023 73.09% for operating expenses and explanations as to use of the money. Eric seconded and motion passed.

No public input:

Next Meeting: September 15 at 9:00 - Rio Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully submitted

Beth Ann Scott