

Columbia County Library System Board

July 22, 2022

Meeting Minutes

APPROVED WITH CORRECTION*

Poynette Public Library

Poynette, WI

Board Members in Attendance: Linda Ross, Beth Ann Scott, Eric Shimpach and Debra Torrison

Board Members Absent With Notice: Betty Reiter*

Board Members Absent Without Notice: Troy Ryan

Guests in Attendance: Chairman Chris Polzer, Columbia County Board of Supervisors and Mark Jochem, SCLS

Directors in Attendance: Amanda Wakeman, Cambria, Alex LeClair, Lodi, Debbie Bird, Portage, Jodi Bailey, Poynette, Roxane Staveness, Rio, Darrell Fehd, Wyocena

Linda Ross called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Ms. Ross noted the meeting had been properly posted.

Public Input: None

Approval of the Agenda: Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the agenda. Beth Ann Scott seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2022 meeting. Beth Ann Scott seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Report: Ms. Ross thanked Ms. Bird for creating the Columbia County map of libraries for their Board packet.

Items for Discussion:

Update from SCLS:

- Hiring an IT Services Administrator – application deadline Aug. 3, 2022.
- Library websites continue to be migrated to Drupal 9.
- SCLS annual Library visits will be scheduled soon.
- Public Library Admin Update: Completed Adjacent Co. Reimbursement forms; preparing Co. Library Tax Exemption docs; Annual Report team began statistics testing for the 2022 Annual Report prefilled sections.
- New Building Update – 2801 Walton Commons Lane, Madison is no longer being considered. BNAW is assessing the Lakeland College building located at 1650 Pankratz St., Madison.
- The “Local Holds Pilot” project will run through Dec. 31, 2022 – 23 libraries are participating.
- Multi-part DVD packaging begins on Sept. 1, 2022 - circulating multi-part fiction TV series DVD sets together.
- Trustee Training is scheduled for Aug. 22 – 26, 2022.

Poynette Public Library Use of \$1,000 County Support: Poynette Area Public Library was able to create an Adult Services Program Coordination position and promote a well-qualified internal candidate thanks to these generous unbudgeted funds.

Discussion of July 20 County Board presentation - Directors in attendance: Cathy Borck (WID), Debbie Bird (POR), Jodi Bailey (POY), Laura Gastra (RAN) and Alex LeClair (LDI): The Wisc. Dells Bookmobile provided a wonderful visual; a brief presentation was made by Alex & Laura. Helpful feedback was received from Chairman Polzer to continue educating the Columbia Co. Board of Supervisors and the citizens on the contentious budget cycle we’re facing. Directors are welcome to address the Board more frequently providing updates on summer meals for kids and showing a collaborative consensus of what we do for our community members using flyers and graphics.

Location for September meeting: Cambria; November meeting will be held in Randolph.

Library Activity Sharing:

- Lodi – Summer Reading Program (SRP) = 620 registrants; Friends funds covered one program per week.
- Portage – SRP = 387 children + 120 teens + 140 adults; showcasing “Oceans” art; goldfish tasting program; PAWSC – Chris Baker is working with Mark J. (SCLS); also collaborating with ADRC, social services interns, and 2nd Harvest Food Bank.
- Cambria – Huge SRP program attendance; reached goal of Friends fundraiser for remodeling.
- Poynette – Also saw huge SRP participation = 364 registrants; remodeling complete on library’s rear entrance (now a Career Center); hosting a table at Poynette Farmers Market.
- Rio – Digital lab grant; fragile books overhead scanner; metadata work with Historical Society; lunch program served 800 children; good SRP participation; library table at 1st Responder event; compiling Strategic Plan survey data.
- Wyocena – received grant for external WiFi access points; working on expanding their hours of operation.

Deb Torrison toured both the Randolph and Columbus libraries and shared the following:

- Randolph – good SRP participation; reorganized their teen area; magician program well attended; starting Friends group; Laura is learning about public building maintenance and managing staff.
- Columbus – Hosted many SRP programs for all ages; concerns on staffing all spaces; annual goals are part of monthly Director Report; hosted a mobile pop-up library in Fall River and outdoor baby programs.

NOTE: Roxanne (RIO) recommended Directors attend WAPL workshop for continuing education and WLA Leadership Development Institute – ask Jean at SCLS for more details. Also, DPI’s New Director Bootcamp includes an ADA building survey and services tools.

Action Items:

- The celebration for **Advocate of the Year** is being held at Jane Morgan Memorial Library in Cambria on Tuesday, July 26 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.
- Discussion and possible action regarding budget requests for 2023: Discussion included Cross Co. border payments; Columbia Co. Finance Committee request of a 1% decrease (wages/benefits excluded); Alliant Energy plant not closing until 2026; other counties fund their public libraries at 100% and Columbia Co. is barely over 70%; difficult for libraries to take a 1% cut because we held to a 0% increase last year; Debbie (POR) appears before the Finance Committee after Sept. 21 (final meeting Sept. 30); large turnover on the Columbia Co. Board of Supervisors; libraries are bringing people in and helping our communities grow, which means more funding will be needed in the future. Eric Shimpach made a motion to present a 0% increase to the Columbia Co. Board for the 2023 Budget. Deb Torrison seconded. Motion carried.
- The next meeting will be held at Jane Morgan Memorial Library in Cambria on Friday, September 16 at 9:00 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodi Bailey

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