

Columbia County Library System Board

September 16, 2022

Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

Jane Morgan Memorial Library

Cambria, WI

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

Board Members Absent Without Notice: Troy Ryan

Guests in Attendance: Tracie Miller, SCLS

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

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: Betty Reiter made a motion to approve the agenda. Deb Torrison seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Deb Torrison made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2022 meeting, noting one correction. Eric Shimpach seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Report: Ms. Ross asked attendees for suggestions to fill the CCLSB Secretary position, since Mr. Ryan is unable to attend meetings scheduled during regular business hours. Ms. Ross has been attending SCLS meetings and recently learned about the new building proposed for SCLS Administrative staff.

Items for Discussion:

Update from SCLS:

- Previous building plan bid process failed, so BNAW has new plans to renovate the Lakeland College building and eventually add Delivery staff operations.
- Columbia Co. tax exemption paperwork was sent with directions to all Columbia Co. Clerks. Contact Tracie if your Clerk has any questions.
- 2022 Annual Report work has begun; DPI hired a new data person, so they will send an update in October. One new question that will be added to the 2022 Annual Report: "Are libraries charging fines?"
- The Collection Development group met and discussed weeding schedules, etc. This first meeting was very collaborative and productive.
- SCLS staff is finishing their annual library visits.
- The Trustee Training webinars from August were recorded. Tracie felt that all Directors should watch all five presentations. The speakers were fabulous and the material was very relevant.
- The Cornerstone event was held at Lone Girl in Waunakee on 09/15/22. All funds donated will go back to the System libraries.

Jane Morgan Memorial Public Library Use of \$1,000 County Support: Amanda and her crew of volunteers cleaned and remodeled the CIA basement. The Village provided a dumpster. The library purchased cupboards, countertops and now have a useable work and storage space. Amanda also collaborated with their local Historical Society to relocate several historical documents.

Discussion of Budget Review Scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23 at 8:30 AM - Debbie Bird stated Lindsey Ganz, Alex LeClair and Amanda Wakeman will be presenting before the Columbia Co. Finance Committee. Debbie and Jodi Bailey will also be in attendance. Debbie asked others to attend in support. Eric and Linda both stated they plan to attend. Libraries are asking for a zero % increase (the same as last year). We are hopeful, since Alliant Energy will not pull out of the Columbia Co. power plant in 2023 and sales tax revenue has gone up.

Library Activity Sharing:

- Cambria – remodeling in 2022: getting new LED fixtures, new carpet & paint. Local author program and karaoke events were well attended; collaboration with school for 3K and 4K Story Time programs going well.
- Wyocena – Darrell is completing his first Budget cycle, with Tracie’s assistance; conducted his first program.
- Lodi – Successful SRP; now Budget time/met with City Administrator; prepping for 9/23 Finance Comm. meeting; working on new 4K Ultra HD collection with the SCLS Collection Development group.
- Columbus – SRP saw more people in the library; roof replacement and other building repairs needed.
- Poynette – SRP also had great participation; compiling 2023 Budget with Village Admin.; starting Fall programming.
- Rio – M. Leckrone event will be held on 09/21; Beer & Boards program sponsored by Friends; movies for kids; Lego Club; Elementary programs and challenges up and running (staff is happy to have student programs).
- Portage – Adult Services and Tech Coordinator has left, so Youth Services will take over the Tech Coord. duties; reposted the Adult Services position; Debbie on front page of Portage Daily Register re: circ. increased by moving stacks (cost paid for by Foundation); manga artist painting a mural in Teen area; Foundation purchased new Teen furniture; they will be opening up the Teen room; Debbie participating in WLA program “Building Relationships with Your City Clerk;” ARPA grant funds used to purchase a new phone system; beginning a LED lighting project; Halloween program for all ages - decorating witches hats; the importance of libraries has grown and support from our communities has also grown. Example: teaching basic computer use classes (MATC course was cancelled) – proving libraries are such an essential service!

Action Items: None

The next meeting will be held at Hutchinson Memorial Library in Randolph on Friday, November 18 at 9:00 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodi Bailey

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