

Columbia County Library Systems Board  
September 17, 2021

Meeting Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Nancy Long  
Linda Ross  
Eric Shimpach  
Beth Ann Scott  
Debra Torrison – virtually  
Troy Ryan - virtually

**Board Members Absent:**

Betty Reiter (with notice)

**Library Directors in Attendance**

Debbie Bird, Portage/County Resource Librarian  
Lindsay Ganz, Columbus  
Amanda Wakeman, Cambria – virtually  
Jodi Bailey, Poynette – virtually

**South Central Library Services**

Mark Ibach – virtually  
Tracy Miller - virtually

Board President, Nancy Long, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Nancy noted the meeting had been properly posted.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Linda Ross made a motion to approve the agenda. Eric Shimpach seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2021 meeting. Debra Torrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**SCLS Report:**

- Mark Ibach introduced Tracie Miller. Tracie is the new Public Library Administration Consultant at SCLS, and upon Mark's retirement at the end of December she will be assuming all of my duties related to Chapter 43. She will also publish several of the SCLS newsletters, and she will provide support for library marketing and advocacy.
- A State-wide marketing plan mini-grant project is underway with an Oct. 6, 2021 grant application deadline.
  - Libraries can apply for a \$1,000 grant to help develop a library or project marketing plan.
  - There will be a webinar on Nov. 12 featuring library marketing experts Kathy Dempsey and Angela Hursh.

- All grant awardees are required to attend, but others can also attend.
- Next week we hope to hear from the Division for Libraries and Technology at DPI about a new round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds that will be available. Focus is on collaborative projects, and most will probably be applied for through library systems.
  - Directors are meeting at 10 a.m. this morning, September 17 to share ideas.
  - Once announced, pre-applications are due within 30 days and projects approved for funding will then have another 2 weeks to finalize their applications. Grants range from \$50,000 to \$200,000, so DLT is looking for larger collaborative projects (systemwide or countywide).
  - We don't yet know the specific categories, but should next week.
  - All funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2020.
  - About \$3.5 million to spent statewide.
- The 2020 Annual Report Data has been added to the SCLS data dashboards that use that data.

#### **Update on Budget**

Alex LeClair, Lodi, Roxanne Staveness, Rio and Debbie Bird, Portage attended the Finance Committee's meeting on September 14. They informed the committee how the additional funds of \$30,000 from last years' budget was used. The budget was approved as presented.

#### **Discussion of \$5,000 distribution**

As proposed by the Columbia County Librarians the \$5,000 from this year's budget, previously earmarked for the tutor software that we no longer are purchasing due to lack of usage, Will be split into \$1,000 distributions to the following libraries in 2021. Lodi, Columbus, Portage, Cambria and Poynette. The other five libraries will receive the \$1,000 in 2022. Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the recommendation, Beth Ann Scott seconded, Motion carried.

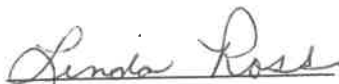
#### **Reports on Library Visits**

Linda Ross visited Wyocena, Nancy Long visited Cambria and Debra Torrison visited Portage.

Next meeting will be November 19, 2021 at 9 a.m. at Portage.

Beth Ann Scott made a motion we adjourn, Eric Shimpach seconded at 9:48.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Ross  
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