

Columbia County Library System Board
September 18, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Angie Wi. Cox Public Library
Pardeeville, WI

Board Members in Attendance:

Dianne Effinger
Gus Knitt (9:20)
Nancy Long
Betty Reiter
Linda Ross
Eric Shimpach

Board Members Absent:

Beth Ann Scott (with notice)

Library Directors in Attendance:

Debbie Bird – Portage Public Library/County Resource Librarian
Joan Foster – Pardeeville

Nancy Long, board president called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and noted the meeting was properly posted.

Approval of Agenda:

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the agenda and Linda Ross seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Approval of the July Minutes:

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Linda Ross seconded. Minutes were approved without descent.

Update on 2021 Budget Proposal:

Debbie Bird reported the libraries in Columbia county have done a great deal to make libraries accessible to the public. Patron needs are being serviced with use of the fax machine, copier and computers. Curb side service is still available. Some libraries are putting packets of books together for checkout. Lodi is documenting how people are dealing with this Covid-19 pandemic. Portage offers chair yoga, a bead class, activity bags to go are just a few of their programs. They also utilize their smart board, web cam and membership to Zoom for virtual community meetings and events.

Update from SCLS:

Mark Ibach spoke to us via telephone. Webinars and Zoom are the ways they are meeting. These meetings are posted and can be accessed via their web site. SCLS has updated their web site. The program kits are being evaluated and updated. The SCLS Foundation has provided funds to purchase a baking kit and a cooking kit. Libraries continue to digitize which makes more information searchable by the public. The Library Development Legislative Committee is looking at the circulation numbers for 2020 which will impact the 2022 budget. Some libraries have had increased circulation during this Covid crisis. SCLS has hired a contractor to build a new building. Site, space and financing will be determined by their needs.

Update on 2021 Budget Proposal Review:

On September 28th at 8:45 a.m. we will have our budget review time with the county finance committee. Debbie Bird will present the proposed budget in compliance with their request of a 0% budget increase. Debbie, Lindsey Ganz, Whitney Parrillo, Nancy Long and Eric Shimpach plan to be in attendance.

Approval of Columbia County Library Board 2021-2025 Plan for Service:

After review and discussion Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the plan as presented and Betty Reiter seconded the motion. The plan was approved without dissent.

A 2021 CCLSB meeting schedule was proposed. Gus Knitt made a motion to approve. Linda Ross seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

A 2020-2021 schedule of library visits was passed around. Each library in our county will be visited by one of our members.

Our next meeting will be November 20th at 9a.m. in Cambria.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty Reiter 9/21/2020