

Columbia County Library System Board

November 15, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Poynette Area Public Library
Poynette, Wisconsin

Board Members in Attendance:

Susanna Bradley
Dianne Effinger (9:10)
Nan Hughes
Nancy Long
Betty Reiter
Linda Ross
Beth Ann Scott

Library Directors in Attendance:

Lindsey Ganz - Columbus
Joan Foster - Pardeeville
Roxanne Staveness - Rio

Visitors and Guests in Attendance:

Mark Ibach - SCLS Consulting Services Coordinator

Board President, Nan Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:05AM. Members responded with their names. Nan noted that the meeting had been properly posted.

Approval of Agenda:

Susanna Bradley made a motion to approve the agenda. Nancy Long seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

Nancy Long made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20th meeting. Susanna Bradley seconded. Motion was approved without descent.

SCLS Report:

Mark shared that SCLS is gearing up for the "Bibliovation Migration", the improved software program. The program will be down December 6-9.

Martha Van Pelt, System Director, will be on leave through January 7th. If there is a need to contact SCLS please direct your questions to Mark or Kerrie Goeden. The All Directors Meeting will be in Waunakee on November 21st. They plan to discuss communication from SCLS, making sure there is better communication between South Central and Directors.

Resource Library Report:

Debbie Bird emailed us her report. December 10th, at 12pm Debbie has set up a meeting with the Portage library board and Dan Drew, County Finance Committee Chair to discuss better understanding of library funding process. Debbie wants to discuss the Columbia County library 5-year plan with Dan. Karl Kindschi, library board president would like to contact a state legislator to discuss possible changes to the funding formula for libraries. Mark will discuss this with Debbie so that proper contact with a legislator is made. This is a complicated process. Mark explained the complexity of the library funding process. Members of this board might attend but will not be voting. We will not be conducting any business. The Portage library's sprinkler project is winding down and hopefully will be completed before the New Year.

Informational Flyers/Appreciations/Posting of Updated Information:

The 5-year plan is due October of 2020. Our members need to address this at our July 17, 2020 meeting and invite Dan Drew to this meeting.

We discussed the low participation of "Tutor.Com". By May we need to vote on whether or not to renew. We were presented with a statistical sheet on usage. Two questions need to be addressed. 1. Does everyone in our county have computer access to this program? 2. Is this a direct competition to "BadgerLink"? If we decide not to renew this contract with "Tutor.Com" where would we want those funds used?

Our minutes are posted on the county web site and the Portage library web site. Do we want to make any changes to these sites?

Recommendations to the County Board re New Appointments:

Betty Reiter and Nancy Long have consented to have their names submitted to the board for reappointment. Gus Knitt, Administrator at Pardeeville Schools would allow his name to be submitted as our school representative. Susanna made a motion to approve the appointments of Betty Reiter, Nancy Long, and Gus Knitt to this board. Linda Ross seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

We'd like to thank Nan Hughes for her service to this board.

Discuss Future Funding and Circulation:

Directors have not submitted any topics to be presented to the County board.

We discussed ideas to improve our presentation at budget time. Do we want to ask for more money in our operating budget? Right now, we have \$100.00.

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Review CCLSB Action Plan for 2020 and 2020 Goals:

We tabled this until our January meeting. Susanna and Nancy are willing to work with Debbie on this. Is anyone else willing to work on this. Perhaps a focus group could look at this? If a "draft" of this is presented to various library boards to take a look at and ask their

input on the document. By August have a final document to present. Jody would help improve the graphics on this. Mark would also be willing to take a look at this.

Discussion re Updating "Columbia County Plan for Library Services 2015-2020:

Dane County has a funding formula that takes into consideration circulation, collection size, programs and facility costs. They track their patrons as to what library the patron checks his/her books from.

Reports on Library Visits:

Susanna Bradley visited the Cambria Public Library. Cambria is open six days a week. Their mending/ironing program has been broadcast by NBC, Chanel 15 news. They have daycare story time, craft night and programs in the park during the summer. Susanna also went to Wyocena. They had a summer reading program for children and adults. They are installing a digital sign, they reach out to the local nursing home for programs and recently had a class on finger knitting. They have a strong friends group.

Linda Ross attended the Portage library. They hope to complete the sprinkler project by January. Debbie has invited librarians for an open house this afternoon for a preview of the renovations.

Betty Reiter went to Wisconsin Dells. Cathy Bork has been the Director since 2003. Their library is beautiful. She has a knitting and crocheting group, craft day, Lego day, Holiday crafts and book sale. On early release day they have a movie for kids, They have a large book sale during Wo-Zha-Wa Days. They have a satellite library and the only book mobile in Columbia County. The board was beginning a review of policies. County funding affects the ability to upgrade their computers.

Agenda items for January:

Election of officers.

Appoint an alternate to the South Central Library System Board.


Update the Action Plan and Goals

Adjourn:

Susanna made a motion to adjourn at 10:35. and Linda Ross seconded. Approved unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be at the Portage Public Library on Friday, January 17, 2020 at 9AM.

Respectfully submitted,


Betty Reiter 11/19/2019