

# Columbia County Library System Board

## November 19, 2021

### Meeting Minutes

**Portage Public Library**  
**Portage, Wisconsin**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Betty Reiter, Linda Ross, Eric Shimpach, and Debra Torrison. Virtual: Nancy Long.

**Absent with notice:** Troy Ryan and Beth Ann Scott.

**Directors in attendance:** Debbie Bird, Portage, Jodi Bailey, Poynette, Amanda Wakeman, Cambria, Laura Gaastra, Randolph, and Alex LeClair, Lodi. Virtual: Roxanne Staveness, Rio, and Cathy Borck. Wisconsin Dells.

**South Central Library Services:**

Mark Ibach and Tracy Miller – virtual.

Board President, Nancy Long, called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. The meeting was properly posted.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2021. Debra Torrison seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

**Update from SCLS:**

Mark reported the annual report program is being tested. SCLS is updating system report directions and new staff is being hired. Library Legislation Day is February 8, 2022. Event plans are to be in person. SCLS cost formula work group is set up to find a more equitable way to bill for delivery fees. Any changes will take place in 2023. Decisions will soon be made in the awarding of the Arbor Day grants. The grant is called ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act).

Tracie will check to see if the libraries in Columbia County have a policy for books that a patron might find objectionable.

**Use of the \$1,000 given to Poynette, Lodi, Columbus, Cambria and Portage:**

Cambria plans to update library space by cleaning and utilizing the basement. Poynette used the funds to increase hours of an employee who is now their Adult Services Director. Lodi will use the funds for their Early Literacy unitive. They will purchase books and new furniture for the children's area.

Portage is implementing a program to connect people in need to social service organizations.

With the help of the Optimists and a personal donation they will purchase a dedicated laptop. It will be placed in one of the study rooms. It will pare the social services agent with the individual in their private space. They will have the ability to Zoom if needed. There is interest from other libraries in Wisconsin that are interested in this plan. Other agencies are asking to come on board this program.

County library board appointments have been approved for Eric Shimpach and Linda Ross.

We hope to return to our schedule of visiting our various libraries in the county. Nancy Long reminded us to invite the board of the library we visit. Plans all depend on Covid. We will continue to meet the

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Eric Shimpach suggested we visit the libraries that were given the \$1,000. Grant.

Linda Ross visited with Columbus. The discussion was on objections of patrons on library materials. Debra Torrison visited Portage.

Libraries have been reminded the Advocate of the Year submissions need to be in by our January meeting.

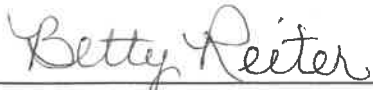
**Open Discussion:**

There was a question on use of library funds. Mark clarified the policy.

Our next meeting in Wisconsin Dells on January 21, 2022 at 9 am.

Our meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Reiter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Betty Reiter, Secretary