

Columbia County Library Systems Board  
November 20, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting Teleconference hosted by Debbie Bird – Portage

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Nancy Long  
Linda Ross  
Dianne Effinger (9:15)  
Eric Shimpach  
Beth Ann Scott

**Board Members Absent:**

Betty Reiter (with notice)  
Gus Knitt (without notice)

**Library Directors in Attendance**

Tracie Miller, Wyocena  
Debbie Bird, Portage/County Resource Librarian  
Joan Foster, Pardeeville

**South Central Library Services**

Mark Ibach

Board President, Nancy Long, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Nancy noted the meeting had been properly posted.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the agenda. Beth Ann Scott seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Eric Shimpach made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18 meeting. Beth Ann Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Update of County library operations and the management of Covid 19:**

Curb side only in Portage, Lodi, Wyocena, Rio and Pardeeville. Poynette is open with curbside and appointments for the computers and limited patrons. Randolph is closed for two weeks due to a staff member with direct exposure. Mark Ibach stated that across the state the libraries operation status are similar to Columbia County. He also reported that Library services are 78% of what they were in March and circulation statistics are at 78%.

**SCLS Report:**

Mark Ibach reported that at the all directors meeting held on November 19 there was a vote by the directors to hold off on the fee restructure. There has been reduced delivery quarantine from 4 days to 1 day. It is up to the individual library what time frame they want to use with a minimum of 24 hours. The Link cat mobile app SALUS will be coming in January. The annual report is being worked on to make it more automated. There is a 3 part webinar series coming up on social issues.

The web site migration process the SCLA manages DRUPAL 9 is being worked on.

**Update on Budget**

At the November County Board meeting during the public hearing on the 2021 county budget, representatives from the Portage and Lodi Public Library Boards provided testimony on the potential impact of funding cuts to their public libraries. A flyer from the Wycena Library Board describing the impact of proposed budget cuts was also distributed. Following the public hearing, an amendment to the 2021 county budget increasing CCLSB budget by \$30,000 was approved. The amendment restored funding for county libraries to the level that was proposed by the CCLSB.

**Meeting schedule for 2021.**

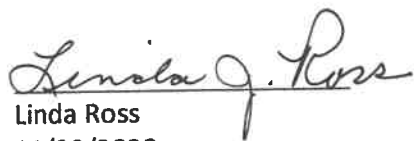
The January 15 meeting we will meet again by zoom. The remainder of the meetings for 2021 will be decided at that meeting depending on the status of Covid 19.

**Reports on Library Visits**

None to report.

Beth Ann Scott made a motion we adjourn, Linda seconded at 9:57.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Ross

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