

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Angie W. Cox Public Library
Pardeeville, Wisconsin

January 4, 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Dianne Effinger, Judy Eulberg, Nan Hughes, Susan Martin, Andy Ross, Pat Westby and Carol Ziehmke.

Library Directors in Attendance:

Shannon Schultz

Portage/Resource Librarian

SCLS Representative: Denise Anton Wright was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report to us that was covered by Resource Librarian Shannon Schultz (below).

President Carol Ziehmke called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed and all members of the Board were in attendance.

Agenda: There were no additions or changes to the agenda; Pat Westby moved that the agenda be approved as presented; second by Nan Hughes. The motion was approved without dissent.

Minutes: Judy Eulberg moved that the minutes of the Board's November 2, 2012 meeting be approved as revised by the Secretary; the motion was seconded by Andy Ross.. The motion was unanimously approved.

Election of Officers: Andy Ross moved to nominate Carol Ziehmke to continue as president and that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. Judy Eulberg seconded the motion and it passed without dissent. Sue Martin moved that Pat Westby be retained as vice-president and that a unanimous ballot be cast. That motion was seconded by Nan Hughes and passed unanimously. Andy Ross moved that Sue Martin be retained as secretary, nominations closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. Judy Eulberg seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Annual Report to the County Board: The Committee discussed the format and content of the 2012 Annual Report to the Board. Last year's report received many positive comments, so it was decided to retain the same format and content, but it was suggested that additional information be provided about e-book usage.

Resource Librarian's Report: Shannon Schultz solicited information from each of the county libraries to share with the committee; she shared that information:

The Cambria (Jane Morgan Memorial) Library has continued to see growth in circulation and in the monthly programs offered by the library. The library held a very successful

silent auction in late fall/early winter, and the proceeds were matched by the Thrivent Group, which raised the amount to be used to enhance the library's collection by approximately \$1600.00. The library board is planning to host a Valentine's Day Tea on February 14.

The Columbus Library is reorganizing the way it provides services to children and families. The library is creating a Children's Services Department, and a new full-time Youth Services/Assistant Director will be hired. The library just added an Early Learning Computer Station, and the library's next project will be to evaluate space usage and the design of its lower level children's area.

The Lodi Women's Club Public Library is in the middle of strategic planning and will host a community discussion on January 23, 2013 as a part of that planning.

The director of the Angie W. Cox Public Library resigned before year's end, and the hiring process is now in place.

In Poynette, the Library Expansion Referendum passed with a 71% YES vote, and the library has hired architectural firms to conduct feasibility studies so that cost estimates can be obtained.

The Rio Community Library held a very successful cookie sale in conjunction with Santa's visit on December 1. About 80 children enjoyed a visit with Santa, had a picture taken on Santa's lap and received a special gift. The event was sponsored by the Rio Fire Department and the PTO. The library has formed a LEGO Club and it attracts about 20 kids at each meeting. The community is providing a great deal of support for this new endeavor. The Rio Community Library is mourning the loss of a long-term board member, Gladys Pulver, who died on December 31.

Shannon Schultz reported that the Portage Public Library is developing a Child Safety Policy that will assure that no children will be left unattended or cared for after the library closes for the day. This resulted in a discussion of the role that libraries play in the care of children who remain at the library after its posted operating hours.

SCLS Report: Denise Anton was unable to participate in this meeting of the County Library Systems Board, but she provided a written report to the committee. As a result of a recent survey that was conducted, the consensus is that South Central will continue to use the shared online LINKcat catalog in 2013

She also reported that Annual Reports will soon be due and that on-line annual report formats will be available to the libraries in mid-January. Denise will host a webinar on Annual Report preparation on February 1. Denise has been working closely with the LINKcat staff to pre-populate much of the information required for the annual report.

Library Advocate of the Year :

Judy and Dave Eulberg, Dianne Effinger and Sue Martin attended the Kilbourn Library Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in November that honored Steve Stuelke as the 2012 Library Advocate of the Year. The event received good coverage in the *Wisconsin Dells Events* newspaper, but the press release sent to the *Portage Daily Register* on November 15th was never published..

Nominations for the next Library Advocate of the Year are due today and will be reviewed and the winner selected at the Board's March meeting.

Library Visits: There were no library visits to report upon, but a short discussion was held on the status of the Angie W. Cox Public Library in Pardeeville with the recent resignation of its director. The Board discussed options that the County Board might want to consider.

Next Meeting: The next Columbia County Library Board meeting will be held on March 15, 2013 at the Portage Public Library. This will also be the annual joint meeting with the Columbia County Library Directors.

Adjournment: President Ziehmke adjourned The County Library Board meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Martin
Secretary