

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wyocena Public Library
Wyocena, WI

November 1, 2013

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

Members Absent (with prior notice): Diane Effinger, Pat Westby

Library Directors in Attendance:

Shannon Schultz
Mary Friesen

Portage-Resource Librarian
Wyocena Library

SCLS Representative: Denise Anton Wright

President Carol Ziehmke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed and a quorum of the Board members was in attendance.

Agenda: Judy Eulberg moved that ‘Term Appointments’ be added to the agenda; her motion was seconded by Andy Ross; and the motion was passed unanimously. Nan Hughes moved that the agenda, as revised, be approved; upon Judy Eulberg’s second the motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Andy Ross moved that the minutes of the Board’s September 12, 2013 meeting be approved as presented and the motion was seconded by Judy Eulberg. The motion was approved without dissent.

Presentation of the County Library 2014 Budget to the Finance Committee:

Shannon Schultz, Judy Eulberg and Sue Martin participated in the meeting with the County Finance Committee on September 17th. The hearing went well, and the budget was approved as presented. The Committee asked very few questions but was quite interested in the Tutor.com program and the fact that additional sessions had to be purchased because of the popularity of the program. The mention of Tutor.com at this County Library Board meeting led to a group discussion regarding another on-line tutoring program called Khan Academy.

Term Appointments to the County Library Systems Board: Carol Ziehmke reported that the appointments of Judy Eulberg, Nan Hughes and Andy Ross would expire in January, 2014. All three have agreed to remain on the Board. Sue Martin moved that the names of Judy Eulberg, Nan Hughes and Andy Ross be forwarded to the Columbia County Clerk, recommending their re-appointment to the Columbia County Library Systems Board. The motion was seconded by Judy Eulberg, and it was passed unanimously.

Resource Librarian's Report: Shannon Schultz, along with Mary Friesen, Jennifer Tallman and Cindy Fesemyer (Library Directors in Wyocena, Cambria and Columbus, respectively) attended the WLA Conference in Green Bay last week. Shannon said it was an 'incredible conference in terms of content,' and that SCLS played a major role in the conference. In addition, she reminded the Board that this would be the last meeting that Mary Friesen would attend since she is retiring at the end of the year. Mary said that she would be returning to her former career as a free-lance writer. Shannon reported that Pardeeville has hired Cassandra Lull as its new library director, and that she would be attending the county library director's meeting on November 15th in Lodi.

SCLS Report: SCLS has hired a new Delivery Coordinator. Corey Baumann, who held a similar position with Walgreens at its Windsor Distribution facility, took over on October 21.

Denise Anton Wright reminded the group that Kathryn and the late Dr. J. Robert Curtis will be honored as Cornerstone Award recipients at the annual Cornerstone Recognition Reception at the newly renovated Madison Public Library on November 7th.

Denise also discussed Assembly Bill 228, pending State legislation that would close a loophole in the current law. As it stands now, counties with a consolidated library system do not have to reimburse adjacent counties, but they are allowed to bill adjacent counties. This would even the playing field among all libraries in the state. Shannon and Denise feel that legislation is being used to 'fix a problem' between Brown and Outagamie Counties, an issue that doesn't appear to be a serious concern in other areas of the State. WLA has created a committee to explore the possible consequences of the bill, but since a vote is scheduled on it for November 5th, the group does not have time to formulate any recommendations.

Nan Hughes mentioned that she attended a meeting of school librarians in CESA 5, the theme of which was exploring ways in which the hours of school libraries could be expanded beyond the normal school day.

Thanks/Acknowledgements to Government Officials: This is a part of our annual plan of action, but the mechanics have never really been discussed before. After some discussion, it was agreed that Shannon Schultz, as the County Resource Librarian, would write letters to members of the County Board of Supervisors to thank them for their support of the county libraries. In addition, she will write letters to all of the county's representatives in the State Assembly and Senate, providing each with facts about the valuable services that libraries provide to the constituents of those elected officials.

Columbia County Library Advocate of the Year Award: Once again, Shannon Schultz will electronically solicit nominations for the 2014 award. The solicitation will be sent out after the holidays with the nominations due prior to the County Library Board meeting in March when the recipient will be chosen.

Library Visits: Sue Martin attended the September meeting of the Portage Public Library Board in September. She noted that the meeting was conducted in a very business-like manner and that Shannon is continuing to build a strong leadership base

with the replacements selected to retiring board members. However, only one or two Board members are members of the Friends of the Portage Library, and only one of the Board members was at the Friends of the Library's summer book sale. Shannon said she wasn't sure how many of the Board members even had a library card!

Other Business: Judy Eulberg reported that *Better Off Friends*, the fifth 'young adult' novel by Elizabeth Eulberg would be published in February, and that Elizabeth was currently writing an 'adult' novel. Elizabeth plans to be in Portage this summer for a book-signing.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Friday, January 3 at the Jane Morgan Memorial Library in Cambria at 9:00 a.m.

President Carol Ziehmke adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Martin, Secretary