

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Rio Community Library
Rio, Wisconsin

January 6, 2012

Board Members Present: Judy Eulberg, Nan Hughes, Andy Ross, Patricia Westby and Carol Ziehmke.

Absent Board Member: Susan Martin

South Central Library System Representative(s): Unable to attend

Library Directors Present: Shannon Schultz – Portage
Erin Foley – Rio

Guest: Lonna Brooks – President – Rio Library Board

Board President Carol Ziehmke called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed, and a quorum of the Board members was present.

Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda, and it was unanimously approved upon the motion of Nan Hughes and Pat Westby's second.

Minutes: Pat Westby moved that the minutes of the November 11, 2011 meeting be approved as presented; second by Andy Ross. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Election of Officers: The election will be done after the County board members are appointed; Sue Martin and Andy Ross will not be members after the April election.

2012 Action Plan: Shannon Schultz, in her role as the County's Resource Librarian, distributed the 2012 draft of the plan. She will make the changes related to elect of officers in May. The Board also agreed to make library visit assignments in May. Shannon will check on the need to do a report to DPI. She believes this is no longer needed.

Annual Report to the County Board: Shannon reviewed last year's report and discussed how it should be structured and how to inform without being too lengthy. Andy Ross mentioned that too much material does not mean a better report and it is the County Board's goal to keep these reports as concise as possible. Items should not be eliminated if they are pertinent to a complete report. The group discussed the manner in which information on the digital downloads of books should be presented.

Library Advocate of the Year (2012): One nomination has been submitted, but the deadline for nominations to be submitted is January 15th.

Resource Librarian's Report: Shannon Schultz, the Resource Librarian, reported that there are a number of Adult Literacy programs around the county. She would like to explore the possibility of coordinating these programs at the County level to maximize results and avoid duplication of effort.

The Portage library has a new microfilm reader since the old one was beyond repair. The new reader has many enhancements that make it compatible with computers and digital technology. It is available for use by anyone as long as everything is in a digital format; there will be a charge for paper copies.

South Central Library System Report: Cheryl Becker retired in December, and while a replacement is being sought, Mark Ibach is filling in as the Public Library Administration Consultant. It is anticipated that the position will be filled shortly.

Library Visits:

There were no library visits on which to report.

Other Items of Interest: Suggested replacements for Gisela Hamm on the County Library Board were reviewed. There was a consensus that a candidate with different skills and experience would be a valuable addition.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Columbia County Library Board will be on Friday, March 2, at 9:00 a.m at the Kilbourn Public Library in Wisconsin Dells. That will be a joint meeting with the Library Directors.

Adjournment: President Ziehmke adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Ross,
Acting for Secretary Susan Martin