

# COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wyocena Public Library  
Wyocena, Wisconsin

May 4, 2012

**Board Members Present:** Dianne Effinger, Judy Eulberg, Nan Hughes, Susan Martin, Patricia Westby and Carol Ziehmke.

**Board Member Absent:** Andy Ross

**Resource Librarian:** Shannon Schultz

**South Central Library System Representative:** Denise Anton Wright

**Library Directors Present:** Mary Friesen - Wyocena Library

Board President Carol Ziehmke called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The meeting had been properly noticed and a quorum of the committee was present.

**Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda, and it was unanimously approved upon the motion of Judy Eulberg and the second of Pat Westby.

President Ziehmke welcomed new Board member Dianne Effinger ([dsoleff@yahoo.com](mailto:dsoleff@yahoo.com)) who said she had been a member of the Kilbourn Library Board (Wisconsin Dells) for years, and after having been a teacher she became a librarian. All the member of the Board introduced themselves to Dianne.

**Minutes:** Nan Hughes moved that the minutes of the March 23, 2012, meeting be approved as presented; second by Judy Eulberg. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

## **Election of Officers:**

**President:** Sue Martin nominated Carol Ziehmke to continue in the role of President of the Board; Dianne Effinger moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Ms. Ziehmke. Pat Westby seconded that, and the vote was unanimous.

**Vice-President:** It was agreed that Andy Ross, who has been the vice-president during this term and has served the Board well, has more than enough responsibility with his recent election as Chair of the County Board of Supervisors. Therefore, Carol Ziehmke nominated Pat Westby to serve as vice-president and Nan Hughes seconded the nomination. Judy Eulberg moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Pat; after the second by Nan Hughes, the motion passed without dissent.

**Secretary:** Carol Ziehmke moved that Sue Martin be retained as secretary, and Judy Eulberg seconded that nomination. Nan Hughes moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Sue; Pat Westby seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

**Resource Librarian's Report:** Shannon Schultz reported that the County Librarians had elected their officers at the March 23 meeting, and Shannon Schultz, Portage Library Director and Columbia County Resource Librarian, was chosen to lead the group as president, with Trish Frankland and Kristine Millard, co-directors of the Lodi Women's Club Library, serving as co-vice-presidents of the group.

Shannon explained the revisions made to the SCLS governance system, and that clusters had been formed with like-libraries in each cluster. The key to the success of the cluster is communication – most of which is done through blogs and e-mail. Cluster three is made up of the Rio, Wyocena, Portage, Pardeeville, Cambria, the Dells and Rome and Nekoosa libraries. The Lodi and Poynette libraries are in cluster five. The Columbia County libraries are well represented with representatives on every committee and work group. Mary Friesen chairs the Administrative Council, on which Shannon also sits.

**South Central Library System Report:** Denise Anton Wright reported that cross-border payments will be calculated by July 1, and that the 'net-lender payments' were recently sent to the libraries that lent out more materials than they borrowed. The Administrative Council requested that a work group be formed to study the impact of non-ILS member library policies on the free exchange of library materials, since the materials of non-member libraries are not available to other libraries in the system, but non-members are able to borrow materials from members. Membership is not inexpensive, and the group is also examining ways that would make it more affordable for the smaller libraries. A request was made of Denise that SCLS provide information on how the e-book funds are being allocated.

Denise was also asked if the SCLS could offer guidance on library policies and practices, and she responded that policies were addressed and compared by the ILS Committee, and that there were also on-line sources for that information. However, she did remind the group that each library is autonomous and sets most of its own policies.

**Library Advocate of the Year Award:** Dianne Effinger reported that Steve Stuelke, the 2012 Columbia County Library Advocate of the Year, would be honored by the Kilbourn Library in a November presentation.

### **Library Visits:**

Carol Ziehmke, in her role on the Pardeeville Endowment Board (which is exploring potential renovations to the Angie Cox Williams Library in Pardeeville) made visits with that Board to the Columbus, Wyocena and Cambria libraries to discuss the renovations that those facilities are planning to make.

Judy Eulberg reported on her visits to the Hutchinson Memorial Library (Randolph) and the Cambria Library. She visited the Randolph Library on the day a retirement party was being held, and she reported on how active the library is within the community. The library has no problem recruiting members for its Board. Two weeks later, she went to Cambria's 'store front library' which is planning a 'Ladies Night Out' in July, as well as a float for the town's 'Parade Days.' She also mentioned that the library director

conducts an elderly story time at a local nursing home, and that Richard Dawley is an excellent resource for a presentation on the Amish community ([www.richarddawley.com](http://www.richarddawley.com))

In addition, Judy's daughter, Elizabeth Eulberg, signed her newest book, *Take a Bow*, at the Portage Library in April.

**2012 Library Assignments:**

The following assignments for 2012 library visits were made:

Cambria	Dianne Effinger
Columbus	Judy Eulberg
Lodi	Nan Hughes
Pardeeville	Sue Martin
Portage	Carol Ziehmke
Poynette	
Randolph	Nan Hughes
Rio	Judy Eulberg
Wisconsin Dells	Pat Westby
Wyocena	Carol Ziehmke

**County Library Budget:** The group discussed the philosophy that should be used when developing the budget for 2013. The County Board representative in attendance encouraged the Board to honor the County's anticipated request that budgets be held to a 0% increase which would mean a budget request of \$684,075.

**Information Sharing:** Mary Friesen explained that because the Wyocena Library is living on its endowment funds which will carry the library only through 2013, it will be going to referendum in November to secure modest step increases in its budget over the next three years. The library's current annual budget is \$70,000, and an increase in support from the community will stretch out the endowment funds.

Dianne Effinger reported that the Kilbourn Library in Wisconsin Dells received a Gold Award from the Wisconsin Association of Builders and Contractors, for its recent library remodeling project. The group named it a "Project of Distinction."

The next meeting of the Columbia County Library Board is scheduled for Friday, July 13 at the Cambria Library. (The regular first Friday of the month/every-other-month schedule was amended for July because of the proximity of the normal date {July 6} to the Independence Day holiday).

President Carol Ziehmke adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Martin, Secretary

