

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Columbus Public Library
Columbus, Wisconsin

September 14, 2012

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

Board Member Absent: Andy Ross

Library Directors in Attendance:

Shannon Schultz

Cindy Fesemyer

Portage/Resource Librarian

Columbus

SCLS Representative: Denise Anton Wright

President Carol Ziehmke called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed and a quorum of the Board was in attendance.

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

Minutes: Diane Effinger moved that the minutes of the Board's October 2, 2009 meeting be approved as revised; the motion was seconded by Pat Westby. The minutes were corrected in two areas. The last name of the newly appointed Library Director in Columbus is spelled 'Fesemyer.' Denise Anton Wright asked that a correction be made regarding the charge for digital library access. She explained that the buying pool for 2013 will remain at \$1 million, and not increase as reported. The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget Presentation: The County Library budget will be presented to the County's Finance Committee on Tuesday, September 18th. Shannon Schultz, Carol Ziehmke and Sue Martin will represent the County Library board at that meeting. Several minor revisions were made to the budget: the Cross-border payment was revised based on late information that was received, but the dollar impact was minimal. In addition, the funding goal for 2013 was revised to reflect the actual funding that the 2013 budget request represents.

Resource Librarian's Report: Shannon Schultz reported that Peggy Kindschi, who retired as the Library Director in Columbus earlier this year, died recently. Comments were also made regarding the August death of Dr. J. Robert Curtis of Portage, who was a

staunch library advocate, and who had been the recipient, along with his wife Kathryn, of the county's first 'Library Advocate of the Year' award.

Shannon is a part of the South Central Library System's Governance Review group that is examining the current governance structure to ensure that the 'clusters' within the SCLS are based on reasonable parameters. She reported the funding for the Wyocena Library will be a referendum on the village's November ballot. She also explained the impact of resource sharing on cross-border payments.

The Portage Library Expansion Campaign is beginning to wrap up. It is planned that ground will be broken for the addition in October and construction underway in November. The grand-opening target date is June 1, in time for the summer library programs. While fund-raising continues, Shannon reported that in-kind donations far exceeded the campaign cabinet's expectations. Businesses within the community have been exceptionally generous with their donations of services.

SCLS Report: Denise Anton Wright distributed a written report to the Board members; it highlighted the SCLS 2013 budget which is 'tight' because of decreased aids, She said that later this fall, member libraries would be asked to identify service priorities.

Denise also explained the county tax exemption calculation, and the formula used to determine the municipal appropriation necessary to be exempt from the county library tax. SCLS staff members visit member libraries on an annual basis to better determine the needs the libraries have for board training, continuing education and to learn how libraries are adapting to the challenges they are facing in light of the current economic realities. She announced that the annual SCLS Foundation Cornerstone Award Reception is scheduled for November 8th at the Fitchburg Library.

Another date to note is the WLA Annual Conference that will be held in LaCrosse October 23-26 this year; she encouraged all who could attend to participate in the conference.

Last, Denise announced a new opportunity that may be available to member libraries. SCLS is actively coordinating a grant application that, if approved, would make a "Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys" available. The National Endowment for the Humanities is working with the ALA to make this program and the grant available.

Library Visits: Judy Eulberg reporting on her visit to the Rio Library, mentioned some of the programs offered by the library such as CPR training and the summer science fair. The Rio Library feels it cannot afford to become a part of the LINK system because of the on-going charges associated with it.

Carol Ziehmke talked about the remodeling/expansion efforts that the Pardeeville Library is considering.

Sue Martin visited the Pardeeville Library and took a self-tour in July, and she also attended that Library's Board meeting in August. She said she found the Board to be more focused and better directed than in the past. The Pardeeville Library had several

special events this summer. One was a 'Fishing' program, designed to bring in the men in the community, and the library also sponsored a pie-baking class. Many of the pies that were produced were donated to the village's pie and ice cream musical social held that week.

Other Items: The Columbus Library will participate in the city's Fall Festival on October 6th, and will erect a tent on its side lawn to house a book, wall-art and rummage sale. Additionally, the library building will celebrate its centennial in November and special events are planned in conjunction with that. .

This weekend is one of the Kilbourn (Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton) Library's book sales.

The Monroe Library is presenting 'the library on the square' as a part of that city's annual Cheese Days this weekend.

Next Meeting: The next Columbia County Library Board meeting will be held on November 2, 2012 at the Lodi Women's Club Public Library in Lodi.

Adjournment: The County Library Board meeting was adjourned by President Ziehmke at 11.15 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Martin
Secretary