

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wyocena Public Library
Wyocena, Wisconsin

November 12, 2010

Board Members Present: Judy Eulberg, Gisela Hamm, Susan Martin, Andy Ross, Patricia Westby and Carol Ziehmke

South Central Library System Representatives: Martha VanPelt and Cheryl Becker

Library Directors Present:

- Wyocena Public Library Mary Frisen
- Portage Shannon Stiller – County Resource Library

Guest: Nan Hughes – Library Media Specialist (Fall River)

Board President Carol Ziehmke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting had been properly noticed.

Carol introduced Ms. Hughes as the about-to-be-appointed new member of the Columbia County Library Board. She asked the Board members and SCLS representatives to introduce themselves.

Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda, and Gisela Hamm moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Pat Westby seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 10, 2010 County Library Board meeting were approved unanimously as presented upon the motion of Gisela Hamm and second by Judy Eulberg.

Columbia County Library Board Appointment:

Nan Hughes's name will be submitted to the County Clerk for appointment by the County Board at its December 15 meeting.

2011 County Library Budget

Shannon Stiller and Carol Ziehmke reported on their September 20 meeting with the County Finance Committee to discuss the County Library Budget for 2011. Despite requesting additional funding for next year, the county library budget remained at the 80% level for 2011. Funding for the large print collection and delivery service was denied, and the request for administrative expense was reduced to \$50.

Library Advocate(s) of the Year:

Carol Ziehmke presented the Columbia County Library Board's first Advocate(s) of the year award to Dr. and Mrs. J. Robert Curtis on October 13 at the annual dinner meeting of the Friends of the Portage Library. Shannon Stiller reported that the participation at the dinner was extremely high, and she credited that with the fact that the Curtises were being honored. A picture that was in the Portage Daily Register of Carol with Dr. and Mrs. Curtis and their award was passed around.

In preparation for the 2011 Advocate(s) of the Year Award, a letter will be sent to the county library directors to solicit nominations, and a nomination form will be made available. The letter and form were discussed and the format of both agreed upon. Andy Ross moved that the revised forms be approved; Pat Westby seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously. Sue Martin will work with the county to get the letter and the form on the county website and the letters to the library directors.

Resource Librarian's Report:

Shannon Stiller reported that she is working with Riverhaven Shelter in Portage to make library services available to its residents. In addition, the mayor of Portage has requested quarterly reports be made to the City Council. Shannon's first report stressed the library's relevance in the community, and she pointed out that circulation has steadily increased at the rate of 3% per year, and that the public computers have been used for over 100,000 hours, much of that due to new initiatives like career assistance. Second Harvest is using the library as a base of operations for enrolling participants in its programs, and The State Bar of Wisconsin will be conducting an Adult Education Program on the New OWI Laws on December 6 at the Portage Library.

SCLS Report:

Cheryl Becker, representing the South Central Library System, said that the quarterly newsletter should be in the mail within the next week. She also reported that much of SCLS's current emphasis is on training for the new software ILS program (KOHA) that will go live in January. Within Columbia County, she is working with the Pardeeville library in its search for a new director. She also asked that the county library board members send letters of congratulation to those elected in the November elections, asking for their support of the role that libraries play in the lives of their constituents. Shannon Stiller offered to e-mail the board members the address/contact information for those office holders.

Martha VanPelt, the new South Central Library System Director, introduced herself and talked about her professional career.

Other library news:

Mary Friesen, Wyocena Library Director, reported that Wyocena had a Veteran's Night on November 11, and that the library has established a "Games Program" Wednesday noons. She said that the library held its traditional election day chili dinner in November.

Next meeting:

The next meeting of the Columbia County Library Board will be on January 7, 2011 at the Cambria Library. It was agreed that if schools are closed because of the weather on the day we are to meet, that month's meeting will be cancelled. However, if the weather results in a 'late start' day, the Board will meet as scheduled.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the board meeting was adjourned by President Ziehmke at 10:20 a.m.


Public Hearing:

Immediately upon the adjournment of the Columbia County Library Board meeting, President Carol Ziehmke called to order the Public Hearing on the Columbia County Plan for Library Services; 2011-2015.

Questions about the library services statistics for 2009 were resolved.

There being no further discussion on the Plan for Library Services, President Ziehmke adjourned the public hearing at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Martin".

Susan Martin, Secretary