

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Portage Public Library
Portage, Wisconsin

September 9, 2011

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

South Central Library System Representative(s): Cheryl Becker

Library Directors Present: None

Board President Carol Ziehmke called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed, and all of the Board members were present.

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

Minutes: Gisela Hamm moved that the minutes of the July 8, 2011, 2011 meeting be approved as presented; second by Judy Eulberg. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Library Advocate of the Year (2011): Both President Ziehmke and Andy Ross attended the Poynette Library's presentation of the Library Advocate of the Year to Robert Garske on Thursday, August 4, at the Poynette Area Library's Summer Library Program finale. Both commented on the interesting program and that Mr. Garske was most appreciative of the award he was given. An article about the award that was in the Portage Daily Register was circulated.

County Library Budget: With the receipt from the County of all of the necessary information to complete the annual budget, the Board reviewed the entire budget. Upon the motion of Judy Eulberg, and Gisela Hamm's second, each account in the budget was unanimously approved. While an 85% reimbursement will be requested for the 2012 budget – a total of \$584,472 – both Andy Ross and Susan Martin stated that they anticipated that the 2012 budget would be equal only to the 2011 budget, which totaled \$527,490.

Resource Librarian's Report: Since Shannon Schultz, the Resource Librarian, was unable to attend this meeting, there was no report given.

South Central Library System Report: Cheryl Becker announced that an integral member of the SCLS Administrative Staff, Business and Human Resources Manager, Charlene Paglini, would be retiring at the end of September. Her replacement, Kerrie Goeden, whose title is Support Services Manager (which reflects a change in the responsibilities of that job) is now working with Char during the training/transition period.

Cheryl told the group that the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium has decided that additional funds need to be directed to downloadable materials obtained through the Overdrive application. Each system's contribution to the fund, which is considered to be a portion of the total collection of materials, is based on each system's collection expenditures as a percentage of the total collection expenditures within the system.

Cheryl explained that the SCLS budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and will be reviewed by the Administrative Council at its next meeting, and will be reviewed/approved by the SCLS Board of Trustees at its October meeting.

Library Visits:

Judy Eulberg visited the Jane Morgan Library in Cambria on August 4. She mentioned that the library sponsored a Tour of Homes as a fundraiser, which was a lot of work for a rather small return. Judy spent time with the president of the library's Board, Jay Williams, and also visited the Cambria Historical Society with him. She said that she felt the fact that the Cambria Public library had established book drop-offs in Friesland for its patrons there was a great public service idea.

Other Items of Interest: Nan Hughes reported on the celebration of World Literacy Day at the Fall River School on September 8. She cited some responses to her question 'Why is literacy important?'

- 'People all over the world need access to books.'
- 'So you can get a job.'
- 'So you can teach your children.'
- 'It makes you feel free.'
- 'Reading makes life easy.'

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Columbia County Library Board will be on Friday, November 4, at 9:00 a.m at the Poynette Public Library. Cheryl Becker noted that she would be unable to attend that meeting.

President Ziehmke adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Martin, Secretary