

**COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**

*Friday, February 3, 2006*

**Columbia County Jail**

**Present:** Ken Bates, J. Robert Curtis, Beverly Hoffmann, Sue Martin, Carol Ziehmke  
Librarians: Hans Jensen  
SCLS Representative: Cheryl Becker

**Agenda:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a m by Chair C. Ziehmke. A special welcome was extended to Columbia County Board Chairperson, Sue Martin. The agenda was approved as presented.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the December 2, 2005 meeting were approved as presented (JRC/CZ)

**Election of Officers:** The following slate of officers was unanimously elected:

Chairperson: Carol Ziehmke

Vice Chair: J. Robert Curtis

Secretary: Beverly Hoffmann

**Finance and Budget Updates:** The actual Columbia County Library Service Budget for 2006 was presented by Hans Jensen..

**Distribution of Funds:** The Distribution of Columbia County Library Service Funds for 2006 was presented, reviewed and unanimously approved. (BH/JRC)

**Sign Contracts:** Chair C. Ziehmke will sign contract to authorize payments for Resource Library.

**Annual Report to County Board:** Preparation of the Annual Report is due to County Clerk Jeanne Miller by March 30, 2006. Ken Bates will prepare the report in conjunction with Hans Jensen and a booklet will contain all reports. It will be presented for approval at the joint meeting of county librarians and the county library board members in Columbus, March 17.

**Resource Library Report: Hans Jensen:** Chair C. Ziehmke and H. Jensen presented the Columbia County Library Services Long Range Plan to the County Board and were well received for their presentation.

- An updated address list of board members was distributed.
- Pardeeville has a new librarian, Beverly Kennedy.
- Mark Ibach, from SCLS, will speak at the March 17<sup>th</sup> joint meeting on Advocacy – Public Relations
- Jail Library Service – A committee of three, Mary Cele Boockmeier, Karen Partridge, and Rachel Wirth, are undertaking the reorganization and restocking of the library facilities at the Columbia County Jail. They are actively pursuing book donations that meet the interests and needs of the jail population. The Columbia County Library Board is pledged to support their efforts. County libraries will offer used books as they have done in the past.

**S.C.L.S. Report: Cheryl Becker:** The search for a new SCLS Director is underway; several candidates have applied and interviews will begin in March.

- Legislative Day was January 31. Senator Olsen and Doc Hines were our representatives visited.
- Wisconsin Library Association Foundation launched its campaign to keep libraries in the public eye; the slogan is “Keep Us All in a Better State”.
- Libraries are starting to work on annual reports due to the state on March 1
- SCLS is in the investigative phase of forming a foundation with two-fold purpose of holding member library funds until needed and to raise money for member libraries needs (i.e., shared data bases or delivery systems)

**Next Meeting:** will be Friday, March 17, 2006, 9:00 a m at the Columbus Public Library, Columbus.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a m. Tour of the jail followed.

Respectfully submitted,



Beverly Hoffmann, Secretary

