

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Portage Library
March 14, 2008

Present: J. Robert Curtis, Heidi Schmidt, Glen Deedon, Beverly Hoffmann, Carol Ziehmke, Andy Ross, Cheryl Becker

Absent Patricia Westby (excused)

Librarians: ?

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Carol Ziehmke. Everyone present introduced themselves.

Agenda:

Approve Annual Report placed on Agenda as #3 item. Motion Glen Deedon, 2nd Bev Hoffmann. Carried

Minutes: February 1, 2008. Motion Glen Deedon, 2nd Heidi Schmidt. Carried

Annual Report: Thank you to Heidi Schmidt for putting the report together. Changes were suggested to clarify understanding of the pie charts and the working *county without library* becomes *county users without municipal library*. Discussed ways to circulate among all municipalities to be sure that those without libraries also received copies. Revisions for better clarification will be made by Heidi Schmidt. Motion made by Glen Deedon, 2nd by J. R. Curtis. Carried

Library Visits:

Board members should complete visits preferably by August 2008.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Pardeeville | J R Curtis |
| Rio | Heidi Schmidt |
| Wyocena/Portage | Glenn Deedon |
| Lodi/Wisconsin Dells, | Bev Hoffmann |
| Cambria | Andy Ross |
| Columbus/Poynette, | Carol Ziehmke |
| Randolph | Pat Westby |

Resource Library Report

Cheryl Becker reviewed activities of the SCLS since our last meeting.

Welcome & Introduction of LibrariansB

Other Items for Library Board

Discussed how to keep all county supervisors aware of our concerns for continuing the current level of service. It was felt that we should either schedule a meeting or request time before the County Board as an agenda item in the near future.

SCLS Delivery System

Bruce Smith, who's responsibilities include the book delivery system, reported on some of the challenges inherent with the SCLS route operation . . .

- 5-10% annual increase in volume each year over the past few years
- Increasing the size of trucks or better route design
- Fuel costs are a problem
- Have reviewed costs against commercial carriers. The SCLS courier system is still best.
- Will be keeping us informed periodically.

Columbia County Library Board Meeting Minutes (Continued)
March 14, 2008

Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA)

Legislative Director, John Rienemann reviewed how WCA and it's 18 employee's support all of Wisconsin's counties and all they are responsible for. John also gave an overview of The Wisconsin Way. The Wisconsin Way is supported by a growing coalition of Wisconsin organizations and individuals. The effort is funded by the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Education Association Council, the Wisconsin REALTORS® Association, Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association and Wood Communications Group. We also viewed a DVD of Scott Kluge promoting the effort. A wide ranging conversation followed on the issues that State Government is dealing with and how that ultimately effects the ability of local governments to deliver services.

Discussion on Current Concerns

Dr Curtis mentioned a Workshop David scheduled for April, 17 2008 at 7 PM at Monona Terrace. It is sponsored by the Association for Library Service to Children and hosted by SCLS

Other Business

None

Next Meeting Date

June 6, 2008 at 9 AM at the Lodi Library.

Adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM. (?)

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Ross, Secretary