

Columbia county Library Board

Kilbourn Public Library, Wisconsin Dells

Friday, March 16, 2007

Present: J. Robert Curtis, Beverly Hoffmann, Andy Ross, Heidi Schmidt, Pat Westby, Carol Ziehmke

Librarians: Cathy Borck, Mary Friesen, Peg Hilliker, Hans Jensen, Bev Kennedy, Roslyn Thony, Gary Yurgil

S.C.L.S: Cheryl Becker, Phyllis Davis

Department of Library Development, DPI: Mike Cross

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Carol Ziehmke.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented (BH/JRC)

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented (PW/AR).

Annual Report to County Board: The Annual Report was prepared by Heidi Schmidt and Hans Jensen, was reviewed and with minor changes to the last page, was approved. (AR/BH)

Resource Library - Annual Report: Hans Jensen The governor has signed off on the exemption of county library expenditures from any levy limits imposed for 2008. (Act 420) Libraries near county borders service neighboring residents without reimbursement for services; monetary inequalities will continue to exist.

S.C.L.S. Report: Cheryl Becker Reporting on the biennium budget, a 4% increase annually is approved (8% overall). Some statewide contracts showed an increase but not the delivery system.

Librarians Introduction and Welcome: Participatory discussion ensued concerning history of Cross Border Payments: examples of libraries servicing adjacent counties with increased costs and no reimbursement were cited.

Current Concerns Discussion: Director of Library Development, Department of Public Instruction, Mike Cross: He reviewed the history of Act 150 (1997), and addressed the issue of nonresident use of public libraries. Historically, counties have funding responsibility and fund libraries at 70% for residents' use. Act 420 would extend this responsibility to include residents' use in adjacent counties as of 2008 and provide for greater equity in library support. Less than 1% of county and/or state budget is earmarked for libraries.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 1, 2007 at 9 a.m., Poynette Public Library.

Chair C. Ziehmke adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hoffmann, Secretary