

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Wyocena Public Library

October 5, 2007

Present: J. Robert Curtis, Patricia Westby, Heidi Schmidt, Carol Ziehmke, Andy Ross

Librarians and others: Cheryl Becker (SCLS), Deb Wopat (County Board), Mark Ibach, Hans Jensen (Portage), Bruce Smith (Delivery Coordinator/SCLS), Mary Friesen (Wyocena), Roslyn Thony (Rio), Bev Kennedy (Pardeeville), Gary Yurgil (Poynette), Jeanne Radke (Cambria), Cathy Borke (Wisconsin Dells), Peg Hilliker (Lodi), Peg Kindschi (Columbus), Cheryl Becker (SCLS)

Copy: Bev Hoffman, Glenn Deedon

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Carol Ziemke

- I. There were no agenda additions.
- II. Motion by Andy Ross, second by Doc Curtis to approved the minutes of the August 3, 2007 meeting.
Motion carried
- III. Budget Heart Report
The original budget presented to the County Board was \$575,271.00. The Finance Committee proposed budget was \$540,892.00. Revised budget distributed by Hans Jensen. Discussion ensued on cross border payments, library exemption from the levy limit. Hans Jensen also distributed rough calculations of changes the proposed budget would have on the 9 libraries. Discussion ensued on other county services costs/budget; if libraries are losing \$\$, they can not continue to offer as many programs/services; people going out of county to other libraries. Cheryl Becker reported that Sauk County reimbursing libraries at 100% but cut technology \$\$; Green County-reduced budget about \$4,000; Dane County-reimbursement is greater than 70%; slight reduction but still greater than 70%.

Other topics of discussion: Library budget is less than 1% of county budget; SCLC pays 2/3 of delivery service amounts; if the exemption is passed, would the county board consider adding back cut dollars; publicity campaign-call legislators, county board members in a positive manner

Motion by Andy Ross, second by Pat Westby to ask the County Board to reinstate \$9,254 to 4 libraries (Cambria, Pardeeville, Rio, Wyocena) to cover the costs of their delivery services as the budget changes had a negative impact on their budgets. Motion carried. Andy Ross will present to the County Board.

Motion by Heidi Schmidt, second by Doc Curtis IF the state budget is passed with the library exemption, request \$27,979 back in the library budget to cover the cost of the delivery services for libraries.
Motion carried.

- IV. Resource Library-Annual report (due in March);Portage will cease to be a resource library
- V. SCLS Report by Cheryl Becker-Contact your legislators about the budget; WI Library Association convention Oct 16-19 in Green Bay; Library of the Year award went to Middleton this year
Dr. Curtis asked the librarians present if they wanted any changes with SCLS. Librarians happy with the services
- VI. Library visits-Pat Westby reported she visited the Lodi Library. They have had good response to visiting authors. She reported that Bev Hoffman visited the Pardeeville Library, a very enthusiastic and inviting place.
- VII. Other items-None
- VIII. Next meeting: **DECEMBER 7, 2007 at Cambria**

Motion adjourned by 10:45 am

Minutes by Heidi Schmidt, District Administrator, Fall River School District

(I hope I got everything right above☺)