

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Lodi Women's Club Public Library

Friday, October 6, 2006

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

Librarians: Peg Hilliker, Hans Jensen

S.C.L.S. Cheryl Becker

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carol Ziehmke at 9:05 a.m. A hearty welcome was extended to new board member, Heidi Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools, Fall River.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

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

Budget Hearing Report: Reporting on the Columbia County Library Board budget presentation to the County Board Finance Committee were J Robert Curtis, Carol Ziehmke and Hans Jensen. Andy Ross was also in attendance. The budget was passed as presented with the exception of the Cross Border payments. The total budget package was higher than expected due primarily to the addition of reimbursement funding for the new Wyocena Public Library.

Letter of Resolution to state government and S.C.L.S. Discussion was held on this resolution that requests the state to exempt library payments across county borders from the existing levy limits so as not to negatively impact the provision and funding of other vital local services. Motion to accept and sign this Letter of Resolution made, seconded and passed unanimously. (BH/GD)

Resource Library – Annual Report: Hans Jensen Portage Public Library is entering into a period of statistical accounting to measure library use. This includes library visits, computer usage, reference inquiries, etc.

S.C.L.S. Report – Cheryl Becker. The SCLS Foundation that is being organized under the leadership of Bob Blitzke will engage in fund raising for shared services and projects within the geographic borders of the system. Moneys from library members can be deposited there as investments for future projects. Organization will consist of a working board and an honorary board with celebrity status for purposes of fund raising. Local nominations for this board were requested; Doc J R Curtis was suggested as a possible nominee.

2. County library board members will automatically be reinstated as members of WLA, dues paid.

3. WLA Convention is coming up in November and will be held at the Kalihari, Wisconsin Dells.

4. New member Heidi Schmidt was given trustee booklet and impromptu information by H. Jensen.

5. Review of the System Celebration held September 21 at the Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells was held with good comments all around.

Library Visits Bev Hoffmann reported on a visit to Pardeeville Public Library and commented on a highly motivated board preparing to present their budget at the village meeting.

Other Items Terms for C. Ziehmke and J R Curtis will expire at the end of this year. Both are willing to serve another term and have agreed to have their names submitted to the County Board for reappointment.

Congratulations to Doc JR Curtis for the award received at the System Celebration as Columbia County's outstanding library trustee of the year.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2006. It was moved to omit this meeting unless a pressing business matter arose.(JRC/GD) Next scheduled meeting will be Friday, February 2, 2007 9 a.m. at the Portage Public Library.

Chair Carol Ziehmke adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Hoffmann, Secretary