

DRAFT (subject to approval on October 21, 2021)

COUNTY OF WOOD LIBRARY BOARD Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2021

Members Present:

Francis Cherney
Dave Barth
Joe Zurfluh
Brad Hamilton
Linda Schmidt
Bill Voight
Susan Feith

Library Directors Present:

Jill Porter, Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library
Andrea Halbersma, Lester Public Library, Vesper
Stacy Kunding, Lester Library of Arpin
Andy Barnett, McMillan Memorial Library, WR

Jean Anderson, SCLC Representative

Also present: Bill Clendenning, Wood County Supervisor, and Jo Ann Ogreenc, Assistant Director, McMillan Memorial Library

Absent: Tammy Hardinger, Pittsville Public Library, and Darla Allen, Lester Library of Nekoosa

Chairman Cherney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. hosted in the McCourt Room at McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids. A number of members and library directors attended virtually on Zoom.

Minutes of the April 15, 2021, meeting were read by Ms. Schmidt. Mr. Barth moved to approve as presented, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed.

Chairman Cherney called attention to the proposed "Wood County Library Board 2022 Reimbursement Request," which had been distributed to members with the meeting agenda for discussion and action. It proposed \$1,107,305 in Total Library Support, which equates to 93% of Full Funding, based on 2020 individual library data. Mr. Barnett proposed an alternate request for \$1,111,339, which was the funding dollar amount received in the previous year's request. Applied to this year's data, last year's level of funding would equate to approximately 93.35% of full funding. Following discussion and a request by Mr. Clendenning, a motion was made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Barth, to present a formal resolution for funding to the Wood County Board of Supervisors for action. The resolution will be in the amount of \$1,111,339, a zero-dollar increase from last year, with the additional approximate \$4,000 above a 93% funding level distributed proportionally among the libraries to be funded. The resolution will be signed by three appointees of the WC Library Board: Brad Hamilton, Joe Zurfluth, and Susan Feith. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the resolution, which was signed by three Committee members and conveyed to the Wood County Board of Supervisors for action, is hereby attached.

There was no correspondence.

There were no comments on agenda items or requests for future items

Date of the next meeting was set for 7 p.m., Thursday, October 21, 2021, at the Vesper Library to be hosted by Ms. Halbersma.

Library Reports:

Ms. Porter reported that Marshfield's circulation is up 30% in the last month, that the summer reading program began on June 21, and that virtual story time has been conducted very successfully at city parks and the zoo.

Ms. Halbersma reported that though circulation was low at the beginning of summer, it has improved in the past two weeks to almost pre-COVID levels. The Vesper library has undergone reorganizing, cleaning, and as a result is more user friendly.

Mr. Barnett introduced McMillan's new assistant director, Jo Ann Ogreenc, a native of Wisconsin Rapids who has served as librarian in Vesper and worked in library service in Germany and Alaska before returning to Wisconsin Rapids. Mr. Barnett offered a tour of the Learning Futures construction site following the meeting.

Ms. Kunder reported that there is a new employee at Arpin. The summer program started June 22, and it is going "wonderfully," with new families and many young children attending. There have been two zoo programs with live animals. The summer program is divided into five age groups. There are book bins with themes, which have proved popular. There has also been renovation to the library involving shelving, wall repair, and delivery of new siding.

Ms. Anderson reported that there will be two SCLC Cornerstone celebrations this year: one in Wisconsin Rapids at Bullseye Golf Club on September 20, and one in Madison in October. Trustee Training week will be held by Webinar from August 23-27, with a different topic presented each day. She also announced that the SCLC is anticipating owning its own building in Madison. Two locations are under consideration. The project would commence in May 2022. The recently passed State budget will add approximately \$500,000 to library support over the two years, "good news for libraries," she said.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Feith, Secretary