

COUNTY OF WOOD LIBRARY BOARD

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 28, 2022

Members Present:

Dave Barth
Betsy Mancl
Joe Zurfluh
Brad Hamilton
Linda Schmidt
Bill Voight
Susan Feith (Zoom)

Library Directors Present:

Jill Porter, Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library
Darla Allen, Lester Library, Nekoosa
Stacy Kunding, Lester Library of Arpin (Zoom)
Andy Barnett, McMillan Memorial Library, WR
Wendy Wilson, Vesper
Jean Anderson, SCLS Representative

Also present: Bill Clendenning, Wood County Supervisor

Excused: Tammy Hardinger, Pittsville Public Library

Chairman Barth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. hosted at McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids.

The minutes of the January 27, 2022, meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Zurfluth, second by Mr. Hamilton.

Old Business:

Mr. Barth brought attention to a spreadsheet and document showing three options for Board consideration in preparing the request to Wood County for library reimbursement for the 2023 budget. Option 1 was to request the same dollar funding for 2023 as was approved for 2022. Option 2 proposed a funding increase of 3.82%, or \$42,412. Option 3 proposed an increase of 7.63%, or \$84,841, thereby moving reimbursement to full funding of 100%. Discussion followed, which led to a motion by Mr. Hamilton and second by Mr. Voight to ask Corporation Counsel to draw up a resolution requesting reimbursement of 100%, as outlined in Option 3. After review and approval by the Library Board, three members of the Board will sign and forward the resolution to the Board for action. The motion passed unanimously.

It was reported that on April 12, 2022, the City of Marshfield passed Resolution No. 2022-11 requesting exemption from paying "any county library tax as provided in Section 43.64(2)(b) . . .," and that the request is being passed along to the Wood County Board of Supervisors. Ms. Porter explained the action as standard City procedure. A copy of the City of Marshfield resolution was a part of this meeting's packet of information.

New Business/Library Reports:

Mr. Barth then called for library reports.

Ms. Kunding reported that Arpin has experienced several "good" months, with numbers increasing for circulation and programming. Take and make was a popular activity, particularly suncatchers. The young fiction collection is expanded, and recataloging is happening. Other activities involve genealogy, a tree planting, and special enhancements for story hours.

Ms. Wilson, formerly the director at Arpin, has assumed the director position at Vesper. She is learning the automated systems.

Ms. Allen reported that the Nekoosa library is receiving a bequest. Preschool story time has been successful. They are finishing the RFID tagging project. The participated in the United Way book giveaway. New shelving and

reconfiguration of some elements of the library is underway. The community responded to the library's concern about monitoring of patrons on library property.

Ms. Porter reported that Marshfield's circulation and attendance at programs has increased also. A new book bike and trailer have arrived from the Foundation. It will be used to contact patrons in the park and also as a tool to provide service to assisted living facilities. The library will be participating in the SCLS "Local Hold" program whereby when a participating library gets new books they can restrict them to the local library patrons' use for the first 90 days of circulation. Summer activities will include musical performances, reading programs for youth and adults, and themed weeks.

Ms. Anderson reported on events happening at SCLS. They included: purchasing and distributing grant-funded equipment such as external lockers for some libraries; \$100,000 set aside to be spent by November through which all libraries will get a two-year movie license; there are scholarships available for a May WAPL conference in Pewaukee; various continuing education events and training programs will be offered in coming months; new building construction/groundbreaking slated for July.

There was no correspondence.

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

Date of the next meeting was set for 6 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2022, hosted at the Everett Roehl Library in Marshfield and available on Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, after which Mr. Barnett led a tour of the McMillan Library improvements which were a part of the recent \$2 million Learning Futures Project.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Feith, Secretary