

WINDING RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 27, 2010

PRESENT: George Brandt, Loren Caulum, Karen Dahl, Louise Donohue, Clara Johnson, Myrna Kelley, Mary E. Larson, Nancy Lerum, Frank Nicosia, Elizabeth Nutter, Vern Olson, Marilyn Pedretti, Gina Rae, Karen Thayer, Jane Walczak, John Wenum.

EXCUSED: Catherine Beyers, David Brommerich, Wayne Gates.

ABSENT:

STAFF & GUESTS: Kristen Anderson, Charles Clemence, Randy Dagnon, David Polodna, Marcia Sarnowski.

1. Call to Order/Open Meeting Notice Certification: The meeting was called to order by President Brandt at 6:31 pm and compliance with the open meetings law was certified by Polodna.

2. Roll Call: Marilyn Pedretti, a new trustee from La Crosse County was welcomed and introduced herself. Fred Goettl's resignation was announced; his replacement has not yet been appointed. Roll call was taken as indicated above.

3. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Vern Olson, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2009 meeting as presented. Carried.

4. Reports

4.1 Approval of Bills & Budget Update: Polodna presented the bills, correcting some incorrect vendor names. Motion by Frank Nicosia, seconded by Karen Dahl, to approve the bills as presented. Carried. The budget report was then considered. Motion by Jane Walczak, seconded by Louise Donohue, to accept the budget report. Carried.

4.2 Director's Report: Polodna informed the board that there would be a need in 2010 to place another order for patron cards since the popularity of the new cards has been very strong and the 50,000 ordered in 2008 will not last all year. He has already received a quote from the vendor which he will present at the March meeting.

George Brandt asked the board to acknowledge David Polodna's twenty years of service with Winding Rivers, and the board did so with applause.

4.3 Public Comments or Topics for Discussion at Future Meetings: Vern Olson asked that the staff provide a report in March on library development in the region, both relating to buildings and services. Karen Dahl thanked Kristen Anderson for providing the display of electronic devices at the December meeting.

5. Revisited Business

5.1 Amendment to the Bylaws -- Article VII, Section 3: The shift away from using a nominating committee for elections necessitated a review of the bylaws that mandated the committee's annual

appointment. Revised wording was proposed and discussed. Motion by Jane Walczak, seconded by Karen Dahl to amend the proposed language by removing the closing phrase "if the board prefers this method." Carried. There was further discussion about whether the possibility of appointing a nominating committee should be stated as the alternative or removed completely. It was decided that this could come later if it was concluded that a nominating committee no longer served any purpose. Motion by Nancy Lerum, seconded by Frank Nicosia, to adopt the amended language. Carried. The new language for Article VII, Section 3 will read: "A nominating committee may be appointed by the president at the November/December meeting to develop a slate of officers to present at the annual meeting. Alternatively, nominations for officers can be initiated directly from the floor at the annual meeting." It was also suggested that the January meeting should be identified on the agenda and notice as the annual meeting.

5.2 Election of Officers from Floor Nominations: Polodna read an email message from David Brommerich encouraging the nomination of George Brandt for president. Nominations were then solicited. Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Nancy Lerum, to nominate George Brandt for president for 2010. Other nominations were requested three times. Motion by Vern Olson, seconded by Jane Walczak, to close nominations. Carried. Original motion also carried and George Brandt was elected as president. Motion by Gina Rae, seconded by Karen Dahl, to nominate Loren Caulum for vice-president for 2010. Other nominations were requested three times. Motion by Myrna Kelley, seconded by Jane Walczak, to close nominations. Carried. Original motion also carried and Loren Caulum was elected vice-president. Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Jane Walczak, to nominate Mary Larson for secretary/treasurer for 2010. Other nominations were requested three times. Motion by Frank Nicosia, seconded by Louise Donohue, to close nominations. Carried. Original motion also carried and Mary Larson was elected secretary/treasurer.

5.3 Photocopier Proposal: Polodna distributed the written proposal showing purchase and lease amounts for a color and a black copier/printer. The proposal also included the maintenance costs for both machines. The administration's recommendation was to purchase the black Sharp copier for \$5,352.80. Polodna explained that he was not bringing a list of bids because there were two companies in the area that offered the equipment and support required by WRLS, and WRLS has not been happy with the service from one of them. Motion by Frank Nicosia, seconded by Myrna Kelley, to accept the recommendation and authorize the purchase of the black Sharp copier/printer. Carried.

6. New Business

6.1 Annual Report to the State for 2009: The copy of the report that was provided in the packet was briefly reviewed and discussed. Motion by Nancy Lerum, seconded by Karen Dahl, to authorize the president and the director to sign and submit the report. Carried.

6.2 Appointment of the Personnel Committee: The roles of the committee for 2010 were described, then President Brandt asked for volunteers. Karen Thayer and John Wenum offered to serve and President Brandt accepted the offer and appointed them to the Personnel Committee for 2010. President Brandt offered to also serve on the committee, so the full committee for 2010 will be Karen Thayer, John Wenum, and George Brandt.

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6.3 Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on March 24, 2010 in the auditorium of the La Crosse Public Library.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Myrna Kelley, to adjourn. President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Polodna, Recorder