

LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2010
Onalaska Public Library
741 Oak Ave S
Onalaska WI 54650

4:45 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Marini, Glenn Seager, Loren Caulum, Arlene Benrud, Barbara Manthei, George Varnum

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mary Bach Filla - Excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Christine McArdle Rojo, Library Director; Judy Jamesson, Library Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

President Loren Caulum called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Board members Fred Marini, Glenn Seager, Loren Caulum, Arlene Benrud, Barbara Manthei, and George Varnum were present, 1 excused – Mary Bach Filla.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

Motion by Arlene Benrud/Glenn Seager to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION** carried unanimously, 1 excused – Mary Bach Filla

PUBLIC INPUT:

No one from the public was present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Fred Marini/Barbara Manthei to approve the July 7, 2010, minutes as written. **MOTION** carried unanimously, 1 excused – Mary Bach Filla.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2010 EXPENDITURES:

As part of the 2011 budget process all departments are looking at ways to cut expenses and increase revenues. Future considerations for the library include things like encouraging patrons to allow use of email for notification of holds and overdue notices. Email costs nothing while the telephone software has charges for usage and snail mail requires postage. Add a 50¢ charge to patron accounts for holds that are not picked up.

Motion by Barbara Manthei/Fred Marini to approve the invoices being paid in August, 2010. **MOTION** carried unanimously, 1 excused – Mary Bach Filla.

2010 AWARD NOMINATION:

Holmen has nominated Leif Nelson and Jon Layland as Volunteers of the Year. For many years Jon and Leif have taken all the discarded books stored at Holmen to the site of that year's book sale.

Motion by Barbara Manthei/Arlene Benrud to approve the nomination and to make them volunteers of the year for Holmen. **MOTION** passed unanimously, 1 excused – Mary Bach Filla.

MINDORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY:

Mindoro has asked for a public Internet computer. La Crosse County IT does not wish to maintain it but could provide any assistance or repair at their outsource rate of \$60 an hour. The Friends of the Mindoro Library will maintain it themselves. This computer will give Mindoro patrons access to the library catalog. Mindoro will not be added as a delivery stop for WRLS or the County.

Motion by George Varnum/Alene Benrud for the La Crosse County Library to move a PC to the Mindoro Library. **MOTION** passed on a vote of 5 ayes, 1 abstained – Fred Marini, 1 excused – Mary Bach Filla.

In 2009 and again in 2010 La Crosse County Library added \$50,000 each year to their fund balance to cover the County's obligations to furnish staff and media to the new facility in Mindoro. Since the Mindoro project is now on hold it will be difficult to garner support to maintain this level of funding until the plans are back on track. The money can be diverted for 2011 to cover the expected 2011 operating expenses in the regular budget.

WRLS UPDATE

Loren attended the July 28, 2010 WRLS meeting in Black River Falls.

Fiberoptics will not be available until 2011.

David Polodna explained that the WRLS Technology Plan was a generic plan for any member library to use for Technology Grant applications. It was not meant to be specific to any individual library with their particular numbers and/or needs.

According to Fred Marini schools have to have very detailed technology plans to apply for E Rate, federal and/or state grants. The plans need to project 4 to 5 years into the future (the WRLS plan went much farther) have detailed financial information (the WRLS plan was very brief) and project future needs and proposals. He assumes libraries would need to meet equally stringent requirements.

FACILITY, COMMUNITY, & PROGRAMMING UPDATES:

Chris sent meeting packets containing these updates to each board member.

The following information was given at the meeting:

1. Festival Foods and Marine Credit Union have sponsored a place mat that will be given to local restaurants to use. The place mats include an entry form to be filled out and turned in at the library to be in a drawing for a Nook®, a handheld electronic book.
2. Pictures of local children's sports teams with all members holding their library cards have been made into posters to be displayed at the teams' sponsoring businesses and the local schools. Other groups have asked to be part of the program, including the Campbell Fire Department.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

2011 Budget

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Approved.

September 1, 2010. Judy Jamesson, Recorder.