

LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

August 3, 2011

Campbell Branch Library

2219 Bainbridge St

La Crosse WI 54603

4:47 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Loren Caulum, Glenn Seager, Arlene Benrud, Fred Marini, Barbara Manthei, George Varnum, Mary Bach-Filla (arrived at 4:50)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF AND GUESTS: Christine McArdle Rojo, Library Director; Judy Jamesson, Library Secretary

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:

President Loren Caulum called the meeting to order at 4:47 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

MOTION by Manthei/Benrud to approve the agenda as written. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION by Seager/Marini to approve the July 6, 2011, minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2011 EXPENDITURES:

MOTION by Marini/Manthei to approve 2011 expenses paid in August. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT – JUVENILE PAPERBACKS:

Karen Kroll addressed the board with an explanation of her decision to use more paperback copies of books, especially non-fiction:

In the past non-fiction books were rarely available in paperback, only in hard cover, and were very expensive. Fiction was available in paperback, especially series books, at a much lower cost, but in the beginning the covers were flimsy and poorly bound. Hardcover books would cost in the \$25-\$30 range while paperbacks could be as low as \$5-\$6 per copy, allowing the library to purchase more copies. Fred Marini, a board member who is also a librarian at Mindoro Schools, said he purchased hard covers at lower prices from vendors that give discounts. Others on the board mentioned that the hardcover books were much better-looking and more attractive to patrons as well as not wearing out as quickly. Karen responded that there would still be hard cover books purchased, but more paperbacks would be at the smaller branches that don't get much circulation. A board member said that paperbacks were too slim to put labels on the spine and that made them hard to find on the shelf. They also were easily pushed to the rear of the shelf and lost behind the other books.

2012 BUDGET UPDATE:

If the County levy is unchanged the county will have less buying power and funding from the county may be reduced as a result. The only places to cut expenses in the Library Budget is in wages and materials.

VOLUNTEER STATEMENT OF SUPPORT:

Chris would like to use volunteers to help in the libraries doing more cleaning and shelf reading or home delivery of books to home bound patrons. They would not be doing any of the work of the paid staff. She will speak to the Union about it to see if there are any areas of conflict and try to work out the differences.

2011 AWARD NOMINATIONS:

20 nominations were turned in from the five library facilities. Because there were others waiting to use the room the board agreed to take them home to read. The winners will be decided at the September meeting.

WRLS UPDATE:

WRLSweb fees have been set for 2012.

A buying pool is being considered for obtaining titles on Overdrive and e-libraries.

There is a seminar in September on Fair Treatment for Patrons such as handicap accommodations.

FACILITY & COMMUNITY AND OTHER UPDATES:

A report was included in the Board packets.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

2012 budget

Awards banquet

Volunteers

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caulum declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

DISCLAIMER: The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Judy Jamesson, Library Secretary.