

LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

April 6, 2011

Onalaska Public Library

741 Oak Ave. S

Onalaska WI 54650

4:49 pm

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF AND GUESTS: Christine McArdle Rojo, Library Director; Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Director of La Crosse Public Library

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:

President Loren Caulum called the meeting to order at 4:49 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fred Marini passed around the award that was presented at a State ceremony in Madison by Tony Evers, State Superintendent of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Melrose-Mindoro School District won the State Superintendent's "Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin Schools, Libraries, and Community Award" for the "Bringing Community Library Services to Rural Wisconsin" project. On March 7th Chris McArdle Rojo, Ron Perry, Melrose-Mindoro Superintendent and Rita Cox, Friends of the Mindoro Community Library, Inc. joined Fred Marini, District Media Director/Librarian for Melrose-Mindoro Area School District in Madison for the reception and award ceremony. Local Village Chairmen, LeRoy Craig and Mike Hesse were unable to attend.

George Varnum shared that he had utilized State Interlibrary Loan services for the first time and was very impressed with Sue Stranc for all her great help in finding the out of print materials he was looking for in his research.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION by Manthei/Bach-Filla to approve the March 2, 2011, minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2011 EXPENDITURES:

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

MOTION by Manthei/Marini to approve the annual WRLS invoice for WRLSWeb fees in the amount of \$25,289.86. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2011 SUMMER READING PROGRAM CONTRACTS:

McArdle Rojo presented for approval the following 5 contracts for the upcoming 2011 *Go Wild, Read!* Summer Reading Program.

- June 15 @ Onalaska, Campbell & West Salem – Insect Education Program \$791.00
- June 22 @ Onalaska, Campbell & West Salem – National Eagle Museum \$500.00
- July 6 & 7 @ all locations – Samantha's Amazing Animals \$2,600.00
- July 13 @ Holmen, Bangor & Onalaska – Wisconsin Frogs (Randy Korb) \$675.00
- July 20 @ Holmen, Bangor & Onalaska – A-Lot-A Squamta Reptiles \$825.00

MOTION by Bach-Filla/Manthei to approve the contracts as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FALL FUNDRAISER:

Set Saturday, September 10th aside for an afternoon of "Leave a Legacy". Donor Margaret Ewert will be providing the seed money for us to pursue a giving event similar to La Crosse Public Library's annual Give-a-Gift. Pre-publicity information will be put together next month and Kelly Krieg-Sigman continues to

offer her support and assistance with planning. McArdle Rojo will continue to provide updates as they are available.

WRLS REPORT:

Caulum and McArdle Rojo reported that WRLS has a new director. Kristen Anderson will start work on April 18th following David's retirement. After the first round of interviews failed to find a candidate, Kristen was unanimously named Director at the March 23rd WRLS Board meeting. She is well-liked and respected in the Region and member directors look forward to working with her. McArdle Rojo will extend an invitation for Anderson to join us at an upcoming meeting. Caulum also shared that auditors reported that WRLS is fiscally healthy and McArdle Rojo announced that there is currently a vacancy on the WRLS Board and any suggestions or nominations can be forwarded to her or to County Board Chairman Steve Doyle's office.

FACILITY, COMMUNITY, & PROGRAMMING UPDATES:

A report was included in the Board packets. Additional information included the recent move of the Onalaska donor shelf to the main wall in the library making the piece much more noticeable.

Youth Services Staff were honored with a "Friend of Education Award" by the Onalaska School District. The Onalaska Kindergarten Center nominated the Team for their collaborative work and partnership with the District. Manthei suggested that the award be re-recognized in the fall with our annual Awards ceremony to continue to highlight the partnership we support with our area school districts.

Benrud reported on her visit with Governor Walker at a State Transportation Conference last month in Wisconsin Dells. She passed on our requests to the Governor.

Krieg-Sigman, La Crosse County Library Director, will be the Chair of the Wisconsin Library Association's Annual Conference when it returns to La Crosse October 23-26, 2012. She will be seeking volunteers as the time nears.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

McArdle Rojo indicated that County Administrator Steve O'Malley will reschedule his visit to a future Library Board meeting. He continues his diligent work to support the County during the upcoming State budget hearings and to defend County programs during this difficult time.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caulum declared the meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

DISCLAIMER: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next meeting.
Fred Marini, Board Secretary.