

LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

October 5, 2011
Holmen Area Library
103 State St
Holmen WI 54636
4:47 pm

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Glenn Seager

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Bach-Filla

STAFF AND GUESTS: Christine McArdle Rojo, Library Director; Judy Jamesson, Recorder; Margaret Ewert, Gordon Hoffman guests

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

MOTION by Benrud/Manthei to approve the agenda as written. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bach Filla, absent; Seager, excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

LEAVE A LEGACY:

Margaret Ewert and Gordon Hoffman generously covered the costs of the event. Margaret presented Chris with a check. Chris said that 204 items had been added to the library collection thus far. In addition to the books purchased during the event, items were purchased by people who made cash donations.

Ms. Ewert wondered if a second event, run in conjunction with Leave a Legacy, would draw in more people. Manthei suggested having displays of the books for sale at each branch, encouraging people from outside Onalaska to participate.

AWARD RECEPTION:

The reception went very well and many people voiced their pleasure at being recognized. Varnum commented that he himself was usually busy on weekends in September and October and wondered if moving it to November or another part of the year would increase attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION by Benrud/Marini to approve the September 7, 2011, minutes as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bach Filla, absent; Seager, excused.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2011 EXPENDITURES:

MOTION by Manthei/Benrud to approve 2011 expenses paid in October. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bach Filla, absent; Seager, excused.

ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT:

- 1) Gordon Hoffman and Margaret Ewert's final donations and the money taken in at the event itself now total \$5,352.49 for Leave A Legacy and to cover event expenses. As per Finance Department policy the board would like to have Revenue Account 53025 Designated Contributions and Expense Account 84050 Grants/Contributions increased by \$5352.49.
- 2) Youth Services Coordinator, Karen Kroll asks the board to move \$450.00 from Expense Account 61504 Audio Visual to Expense Account 61520 Books to enhance the Children's Novels collections at all five library locations.

MOTION by Manthei/Marini to approve both account adjustments. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bach Filla, absent; Seager, excused.

2012 BUDGET UPDATE:

Judy Jamesson, Library Secretary and recorder of these minutes, has voiced her intention to retire on January 6, 2012.

The library has two salaried employees who work too few hours to meet the Federal Labor Law standards for part-time salaried employees, so the library plans to increase their hours to be in compliance. The salary increases plus the capital cost to implement a Voice-Over IP phone system have led to a budget shortfall of \$6,143.

To offset the shortfall Chris plans to draw \$6,143 from the fund balance and leave the secretary's position vacant until that amount has been recovered.

CONCEAL AND CARRY LAW:

Wisconsin law, as of November 1, 2011, allows any Wisconsin resident, age 21 or older, with the appropriate firearms training and license, to carry a concealed weapon. Any owner or tenant can post signage prohibiting concealed carry on their premises. In October La Crosse County will hold a public hearing about posting all County buildings with signs prohibiting concealed carry.

MOTION by Benrud/Marini to adopt the wording chosen by La Crosse County for signs to post at County libraries. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bach Filla, absent; Seager, excused.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Katherine Sandy, Assistant Youth Services Librarian will receive her 5 year pin.

FACILITY & COMMUNITY NEWS:

A report was included in the Board packets.

Mindoro will host a program on Ho Chunk History on October 17 at 7:00 pm at the Farmington Town Hall.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Adoption of 2012 budget

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caulum declared the meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

DISCLAIMER: Approved, November 11, 2011, Judy Jamesson, Recorder.