

LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

July 11, 2012

Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library

201 Neshonoc Rd

West Salem, WI 54669

4:45 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Bach-Filla, Dan Ferries, Fred Marini, Barbara Manthei, Glenn Seager, George Varnum

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Loren Caulum

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF AND GUESTS: Margaret Ewert, Kelly Krieg-Sigman, La Crosse Public Library Director, Christine McArdle Rojo, La Crosse County Library Director, Miriam Thompson, Retired Youth Services Director of Baraboo Public Library

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President Barbara Manthei called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm. Margaret Ewert, Benefactor of the Library's Leave a Legacy Event and Miriam Thompson, retired Youth Services Director of the Baraboo Public Library were introduced.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

MOTION by Marini/Bach-Filla to approve the agenda as written. **Motion carried unanimously, Caulum excused.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kelly Krieg-Sigman shared that the recruitment to replace La Crosse Public Library's Networking IT Manager, Dave Goldfein, has been slow. According to some market comparisons, the salary is too low, it is truly two jobs, not just one, and La Crosse is not a metro area. She may need to consider an extension to the July deadline if prospects do not improve.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION by Ferries/Seager to approve the June 6, 2012 minutes as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously, Caulum excused.**

APPROVAL OF JULY 2012 EXPENDITURES:

MOTION by Varnum/Ferries to approve the July 2012 expenses. **Motion carried unanimously, Caulum excused.**

LEAVE A LEGACY:

McArdle Rojo re-introduced benefactor Margaret Ewert who funded the first annual Leave a Legacy event last September. Margaret indicated that she would like to introduce an Art show into the 2012 format of the Legacy event. She would donate the money to equip the Onalaska Library's meeting rooms with mounting strips and would offer a monetary prize for the winning piece. The theme of the show would be books and the Leave a Legacy event on September 23rd could be the show's opening reception as well. Margaret reported that she does have a mailing list of local area artists and she believes the show would boost attendance to the Legacy event by at least 100 people. The installation of the stripping would also open the door to other future exhibits. Board members considered the suggestion list from the 2011 event and could not see a way to differentiate how the improvements to this year's event or the Art show would be what might influence a more successful event. Kelly Krieg-Sigman indicated that she believes the La Crosse Public Library would not have been in a position their second year of Give-a-Gift to introduce such a large addition to the event. **MOTION** by Bach-Filla/Seager to reconsider Ms. Ewert's generous offer for next year and proceed with implementing the improvements previously identified following the 2011 event. **Motion carried unanimously, Caulum excused.**

2013 WRLS RESOURCE GRANT AND OVERDRIVE FEES:

McArdle Rojo reported that due to State cuts, local area libraries would now have to pay a share of the State's access to Overdrive. The proposal from Winding Rivers is to charge member libraries beginning in 2013 based on the amount of their annual Resource Grant. For La Crosse County Library that would amount to \$2,522 based on the annual resource grant amount of \$13,000. Marini reminded the Board that the Resource Grant calculation has been a contentious issue with WRLS for many years as the

previous WRLS Director could never explain a formula for how the grants were calculated and why La Crosse County was capped. In 2005 the grant was reduced from \$18,000 to \$13,000 with little explanation. Marini suggested that the Region take a look at other grant funding to cover the Overdrive fees and to take a closer look at the Resource grants to identify how they are distributed in the Region. **Motion** by Marini/Seager to not support the proposal from WRLS to tie the Overdrive fees to the Resource Grants. **Motion carried unanimously, Caulum excused.**

2013 BUDGET:

Due to time, updates on the 2013 Budget were postponed until August.

VOICE OVER INTERNET PHONE SYSTEM UPDATE:

McArdle Rojo shared that due to the mix of local exchanges for our five locations that the plan to move Bangor, Campbell, Holmen and West Salem to the Voice Over IP phone system has been abandoned. County IT will continue to look for solutions for replacing the outdated phone system in Holmen and to find an alternative solution for creating a phone tree to allow patrons to call just one number to access County Library information and services.

FACILITY & COMMUNITY NEWS:

A summary report was sent to the board in their packets. La Crosse Public Library's annual Give-A-Gift event will be Friday, November 9th.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

2013 Budget

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Vice-President Manthei declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

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Minutes by Chris McArdle Rojo