

Jefferson County Library Service

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Jefferson County Library Service Board Meeting
Jefferson Public Library
July 20, 2011

MINUTES

County Library Board Members Present: Sue Hartwick, Leigh Froelich, Betty Stoffel, Dean Sanders, Julaine Appling, Janet Sayre Hoeft

Council Library Board Members Absent: Dwayne Morris

Librarians Present: Connie Meyer, County library services administrator/Fort Atkinson; Kathy Hookham, Palmyra; Joan Behm, Cambridge; Jocelyn Bubolz, Jefferson Luci Bledsoe, Johnson Creek; Stacey Lunsford, Whitewater; Cecilia Wiltzius, Waterloo; and Peg Checkai, Watertown.

Guests: There were no guests

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Hartwick at 7:00 p.m.

Election of secretary was done through a random drawing of a name out of a hat and Dean Sanders was designated as the new secretary.

The minutes of the June 20, 2011 meeting were approved via unanimous vote.

There was no public comment.

There was no correspondence to be read into the minutes.

A discussion was held about the County Budget and how it would be allotted out to the local libraries. Ms. Meyer spoke on the formula that has been used in the past and how that needed to be used in future discussions with the County

Board. There were four scenarios of how the money could be given out and they were each discussed on their merit. A motion was made by Julaine Appling and seconded by Leigh Froelich to accept Scenario A with the new calculations and the capital requests to be divided equally by all the libraries to bring the total increase to a 0% increase for the 2011-2012 year. The motion passed 6-0.

President Hartwick presented a plan for the Board to meet throughout the next year to work on the strategic issues that were identified in the strategic plan that was accepted last year. There will be a meeting in early September and one in late October to begin this process. Ms. Meyer will be in charge of coordinating these dates. The plan was adopted by unanimous consent at 7:47 p.m.

Library Reports were given and highlights of them are as follows:

Fort Atkinson

- Nearly 1000 children have attended their summer program
- June was their largest circulation ever
- Spoke to the volunteer program that has worked out well

Watertown

- Very busy time of year
- Aug 8-20 library will be closed
- They are rearranging their second floor
- YA program attendance is up

Whitewater

- Old World Wisconsin trip, which was the prize for their reading program, will have 3 bus loads of people
- They have twice as many people attending a trip to Barnes and Noble (42) from their YA program

Palmyra

- Summer Program is going well
- Good relationship with the local day care center which helps with attendance
- They have been visiting local libraries with local architects for ideas for their library

Jefferson

- Had their first movie program with popcorn on the new carpet

- They have seen a growth in "Shelf" program that helps in the Library

Johnson Creek

- Second busiest June in their history
- Discussed the Readers Theater they had this summer and the great turnout for the program
- Announced that the Second Annual Children Safety Day will be on August 3, 2011

Cambridge

- Busy summer - discussed the flexible work schedules that has been occurring at the library this summer
- New automation software is going much better

Waterloo

- Working with the City to remodel the old library through a Grant to use it as a new business center and that this is a very worthwhile project

A motion to adjourn was made by Dean Sanders and seconded by Julaine Appling at 7:59 p.m. The vote was approved on a 6-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Sanders
Secretary