

JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2015 at the Johnson Creek Public Library

Meeting was called to order by President Hartwick at 5:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Linda Ager, Leigh Froelich, Sue Hartwick, Dwayne Morris, and Janet Sayre-Hoeft

Board Members Absent: Dean Sanders

Library Directors Present: Kelly TerKeurst, Fort Atkinson; Leann Lehner, Jefferson; Joan Behm, Cambridge; Luci, Bledsoe, Johnson Creek; Kathleen Hookham, Palmyra; Gerard Saylor, Lake Mills; Kelli Mountford, Waterloo; Stacey Lunsford, Whitewater, and Peg Checkai, Watertown.

A motion was made by Janet Sayre-Hoeft to approve the minutes of the Dec. 2, 2014 meeting, second by Dwayne Morris. Approved unanimously after two minor corrections.

There was no Public Comment and no Correspondence.

Old Business

- A. Update and Recommendation by the Jefferson County Library System Affiliation Review Committee: President Sue Hartwick thanked the members of the county's library system review committee and all who participated in the system review sessions. She introduced and summarized the committee's report. The following motion, recommended by the committee, was moved by Linda Ager and seconded by Sayre-Hoeft: "I move to approve the preliminary recommendation made by the Jefferson County Library System Review Committee to continue talks with the Waukesha County Federated Library System (WCFLS) with regard to the possibility of Jefferson County joining that system, and to schedule a special meeting of the Jefferson County Library Board sometime in late March to review the decision made by the WCFLS Board of Trustees at their March 17, 2015 meeting and act on a proposal if one is so offered."

Whitewater Librarian Stacey Lunsford spoke in favor of the motion on behalf of the Jefferson County librarians. She described the qualities the librarians desired in a system and suggested that of the five systems interviewed, Waukesha would best provide the fiscal stability, clarity of vision, standard of customer service, and quality of expertise that would be most beneficial to the citizens of Jefferson County. She also indicated most of the librarians met with Waukesha System Director Connie Meyer last week and were satisfied with what they learned.

A board discussion ensued. Morris asked a number of questions regarding Waukesha's ILS, local IT support, and delivery to which committee members county library administrator Kelly TerKeurst, Ager and Hartwick supplied answers. Sayre-Hoeft asked if many of the problems experienced during the current migration with Mid-Wisconsin would be the same in WCFLS? Hartwick suggested that much of the current problems involved inadequate communication and thought WCFLS would be able to handle the issues.

The motion was called to a vote and it passed unanimously.

New Business

- A. Selection of 2015 County Resource Library: TerKeurst reported that the Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson is willing to continue to serve in this role. Froehlich moved approval of this selection, seconded by Ager. Passed unanimously.

- B. Consideration of 2014 Jefferson County Library Service State Annual Report: TerKeurst presented the annual report. Acceptance was moved by Ager, seconded by Morris. Passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: A slate of officers was nominated by Hartwick: President, Linda Ager; Vice-President, Janet Sayre Hoeft; Secretary, Sue Hartwick. Acceptance moved by Morris, seconded by Froehlich. Passed unanimously.

Reports from the County Library Directors were given:

- Waterloo: Have a new hire for ILL/adult programming. Held a winter reading program.
- Cambridge: Still under construction with a potential finish in April. It's looking sharp! Not sure about actual move in date. Will hold opening events.
- Whitewater: Staff changes, retirements, training, hiring. Seed library in place, expanded makerspace hours and added an AccuQuilt machine.
- Palmyra: Finished winter reading program, Friends' community thank you event and garden walk planning under way.
- Watertown: Winter reading program concluded, architect presentation to city council this week, working with city on strategic planning, bid opening for the demo of two more buildings near the library, and upcoming Friends fundraiser, the Polar Putt.
- Lake Mills: MOOC source site, re-doing website, strategic planning process with WiLS.
- Johnson Creek: Numerous homeschool programs, successful writing skills workshops, and strategic plan development utilizing WiLS.
- Jefferson: Will begin remodel of staff work area, lots of energy and excitement in Youth Services, no staff changes in 2014.
- Ft Atkinson: TerKeurst will mark one year at the library in April. Lots of activity, currently an art show, recently hosted the Jefferson County Literacy Council fundraiser.

Future meeting dates: TerKeurst will send out a Doodle poll for a meeting in late March/early April.

Other: Art Biermeier's name has been submitted to the county as a new member of the Jefferson County Library Board. His nomination will be voted on at the County board meeting in March.

The meeting was adjourned with no objection at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leann Lehner (filling in for Dean Sanders)