

Jefferson County Library Board Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2017 at Johnson Creek Public Library

Meeting was called to order by President Ager at 5:01pm.

Board Members Present: Linda Ager, Art Biermeier, Leigh Froelich, Sue Hartwick, Nancy Lust, Dwayne Morris, Mark Elworthy

Library Directors Present: Joan Behm, Cambridge; Luci Bledsoe and Abby Armour, Johnson Creek; Eric Robinson, Fort Atkinson; Leann Lehner, Jefferson; Laura Gest, Palmyra; Kelli Mountford, Waterloo; Peg Checkai, Watertown; Stacey Lunsford, Whitewater; Gerard Saylor, Lake Mills

Other Guests: Connie Meyer, Jill Fuller, and Angela Meyers, Bridges Library System; Ben Wehmeier, Jefferson County Administrator; Kathy Hookham, former Palmyra Library Director

Introductions of Eric Robinson, new Director of Dwight Foster Public Library and Mark Elworthy, new Trustee from the Whitewater Unified School District.

Recognition of the years of service for outgoing Trustee Sue Hartwick, retiring Johnson Creek Library Director Luci Bledsoe, and Former Dwight Foster Public Library Director Kelly TerKeurst. Many made remarks as to how valuable these three have been to the Jefferson County Library System.

Minutes: Minutes from the July 26, 2017 meeting were approved.

No public comments or correspondence.

Administrator's report: Eric Robinson noted the approval of the budget by the Jefferson County Board. He reminded Directors to take their contracts to their local boards. He is looking forward to visiting the libraries and introducing himself and making better connections.

Bridges Library system representative report-Linda Ager

At November 21, 2017 meeting, Waukesha was selected as Resource Library for the system. Contract was approved. A bill paying change was made. Discussion took place on Data Bases. Connie Meyer's performance score was given.

Library System Directors Report-Connie Meyer

New Directors were named from Jefferson County, Waukesha, Muskego, Butler. Orientation will be held for new staff. Finishing Library visits and will meet with Boards if needed. Information about Legislation involving Libraries was shared. Will inform if talking to legislators is needed. The Bridges Board has 3 members from Jefferson County and Art Biermeier will be new representative in January.

New Business:

Planning for 2018: County Library Service Plan needs to be updated. **Members will read thru and make sure the Plan is in sync with their plan.** Items discussed were making education a priority, looking at Broadband, and fix graphic by taking off MWFLS and include Bridges. Dwayne Morris, Linda Ager, and Eric Robinson will follow up and make recommendations at the next meeting.

Library reports:

Jefferson: Leann Lehner: Harry Potter "WOW"-Had a blast at Library with photo ops, origami, and a concession stand. Good press and will do again. Formula change was helpful to get budget passed and explained.

Cambridge: Joan Behm: Next year is 40th year in community and planning activities for that and having Bookmobile visit.

Whitewater: Stacey Lunsford: Had a retirement and hired a Programming and Makerspace Librarian who started in July. Boos and Brews in October. Working with cat shelter to help make beds and toys. Completed fourth space needs assessment. Need 30,000 square feet and only have 15000 square feet.

Waterloo: Kelli Mountford: Adult services in July sky rocketing. Cutter numbers removal and going to authors. Getting new LED lighting.

Palmyra: Laura Gest: Makerspace available. Will be in Christmas parade.

Watertown: Peg Checkai: Elevator was down for two weeks. Front steps done and well received. Kick off of building project, campaign planning. 100 extraordinary women event. Martin Schrieber January 25th. Princess Harvest Ball well attended. Had Slime program. Every child thrives.

Fort Atkinson: Eric Robinson: Getting accustomed to library and town. Grant used for Wi-Fi hotspots. Literacy council getting ESL cart in library. Youth services trying to improve Middle School involvement.

Johnson Creek: Luci Bledsoe: Cleaning and busy preparing for retirement. New Director Abby Armour has been volunteering at library. Job description will need to be revised.

Lake Mills: Gerard Saylor: No report

Next meeting: Eric will send out Doodle poll in February

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dwayne Morris and seconded by Art Biermeier. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.