

Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018

PRESENT: Dick Nawrocki, Howard Pringle, Larry Nelson, Linda Ager, Rose Sura, Jim Heinrich, Art Biermeier, Nancy Wilhelm, Amy Reichert, Jean Yeomans

ABSENT: Dwayne Morris

OTHERS: Connie Meyer, Bridges Library System Director; Bruce Gay, Waukesha Public Library Director and Resource library representative; Kelli Mountford, Karl Junginger Memorial Library Director (Waterloo) and APL representative; Alli Chase, Alice Baker Memorial Library Director (Eagle); Stephanie Ramirez, Delafield Public Library Director, Cheryl Schoenhaar, Town Hall Library Director (North Lake); and Meg Henke, Bridges Library System Administrative Specialist

Call to order: Dick Nawrocki, the Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Karl Junginger Memorial Library in Waterloo, WI.

Comments for the Public: There were no comments from the public.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Meeting Minutes: A Jim Heinrich/Art Biermeier motion to approve the minutes for the May 2018 meeting passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills Report: A Howard Pringle/Amy Reichert motion to approve the monthly invoices for funds 210 and 215 for June 2018 as submitted passed unanimously.

Financial Report: A Jim Heinrich/Nancy Wilhelm motion to accept the financial report ending May 31, 2018 passed unanimously.

REPORTS

APL: Kelli Mountford reported the APL met on 6/15. Two guests from the PLSR Steering Committee, John Thompson and Steve Ohs, attended the meeting and answered questions about the current project, proposed models, and next steps. APL reviewed the draft 2018-2021 Bridges Library System Strategic Plan and made several recommendations for change. Initial discussions were held about the 2019 budget and planning process.

Resource Library Report: Bruce Gay reported that he presented several ideas to Connie Meyer and APL for extending Resource Library Services in 2019 including: basic circulation staff training to be held at Waukesha Public Library, maker kits for circulation (“programs in a box”), Spanish translation services for a limited scope of work, extending children’s programs and services to other libraries and digitization services. The circulation training, maker kits and Spanish translation services were determined to be the highest priority for 2019 inclusion of services. Waukesha has a community services survey in progress through the end of July as a part of their strategic planning process. The WPL/Waukesha schools library liaison is hired and actively working at schools over this summer to enrich their summer school and wrap around care programs and services. Waukesha Public Library was awarded a \$15,000 NEA Big Reads

grant to host their event between September 2018 and June 2019. They have selected “*Everything I Never Told You*” by author Celeste Ng as their book title. They are working on developing a food for fines program.

Bridges Staff Report: Meg Henke reported that the 2018 Trustee Dinner event would be held on Tuesday, October 2nd at The Ingleside Hotel (formerly The Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center) in Pewaukee. Wisconsin Library Trustee training week is August 13 -17, 2018. Sessions will be held online via a webinar series as a ‘lunch and learn’ from 12:00 to 1:00. To register go to www.wistrusteetraining.com. Meg will send out a reminder email the week prior. A brochure with program details was distributed.

Bridges Director’s Report: Connie Meyer reported the Hartland Public Library has hired a new director, Laura Gest. Laura is the current director at the Powers Memorial Library in Palmyra. She will begin her new position at Hartland on July 9th. With Laura’s departure, the Powers Memorial Library board has posted their job opening for a new director. Connie mentioned she has started some preliminary budget work for a draft to be presented in July to the Board. Adjacent County reimbursement requests are due by July 1 and then she can move forward in detail on the draft numbers for 2019.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) Model Review: Connie Meyer commented three models were presented at the May 18 PLSR Steering/Core Recommendation Collaborators (CRC) meeting: Model X, Model Y and Model Z. Model X and Model Z were rejected at the meeting. Model X was a mid-level consolidation plan that required library systems to have at least three (3) counties in their system. Model Z was a single statewide run library system. Model Y reduces the number of library systems to between 6 and 8, based on the delivery regions recommended by the Delivery Work Group. The steering committee and CRC members were allowed to submit additional model ideas by May 25 for consideration at the next meeting of the group. An alternative model--Model W—was submitted by CRC member, Sherry Machones. Model W is an incremental change model and focuses on altering the state aid funding formula and redefining library system standards to address equity concerns. At the June 8 PLSR Steering/CRC meeting, Model W and Model Y were selected for further consideration.

Connie Meyer stated that the comment period about the two model finalists, Model W and Model Y, is open until July 20, 2018. Connie recommended that Bridges Trustees, directors, and local library trustees submit their comments during this very crucial period. Connie was to create some survey prompts to assist people in completing the survey. Additionally, she was asked to draft a letter for the board’s consideration at their July meeting so that the board could go on record with an official position. A Summit meeting will take place July 30 and 31 in Stevens Point. Connie will attend the Summit meeting as a member of the Chapter 43 workgroup. Ali Chase, Bruce Gay and Stephanie Ramirez have been selected to provide input into the process by participating in the Summit.

Bridges Library System Strategic Plan 2018-2021: Director Meyer stated that APL met on 6/15 and had suggested a few thoughtful recommendations for change including an alternate statement of purpose to read “The Bridges Library System strengthens member libraries by fostering collaboration and innovation.” It was noted that the plan dates should read 2018-2021, rather than 2019-2021. Trustee Larry Nelson praised the process and results of the strategic planning team. A Howard Pringle/Nancy Wilhelm motion to approve the plan as corrected including APL recommendations for revision passed unanimously.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Delafield Public Library.**

At 7:53p.m., an Amy Reichert/Jim Heinrich motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:

Meg Henke
Administrative Specialist

Respectfully Submitted:

Jean Yeomans
Board Secretary