

February 28, 2018 at Dwight Foster Public Library

Meeting was called to order by President Ager at 5:02pm.

Board Members Present: Linda Ager, Art Biermeier, Leigh Froelich, Diana Shull, Nancy Lust, Mark Elworthy

Library Directors Present: Abby Armour, Johnson Creek; Eric Robinson, Fort Atkinson; Leann Lehner, Jefferson; Kelli Mountford, Waterloo; Stacey Lunsford, Whitewater; Gerard Saylor, Lake Mills

Other Guests: Connie Meyer

Introduction of Diana Shull, new Board Member. Roster passed out of Board Members and Library Directors.

Minutes: Correction of minutes from November 28, 2017: Leigh Froelich will now be the Secretary.

Approved as a correction.

No public comments or correspondence.

Administrator's report: Eric Robinson noted all paper work is in for county money and checks have been received. He is making visits and halfway through.

Bridges Library system representative report-Linda Ager

Thank you for educational material for jail. Legislative Day was February 20th and Art, Linda, Gerard, Connie and Bridges staff and Board had a chance to meet with legislators. They met with John Jaegler, Cody Horlacher, and the staff of Fitzgerald and Nass.

Library System Directors Report-Connie Meyer

The System is working on Strategic planning and did a 1 day retreat which led to a good backbone document that they hope to update. Wisconsin Counties Associations magazine has as for an article. Legislative committee noted problems with counties paying neighboring counties. Digitization project starting and in the process of gathering information about what is needed. At Library Directors meeting decided to get Cypress Resume software.

New Business:

Selection of 2018 County Resource Library- Fort Atkinson would like to continue. Motion to approve Fort Atkinson as the County Resource Library was by Art Biermeier and seconded by Nancy Lust. Motion carried.

2017 Annual report-Discussion and clarification centered on reimbursement payment. Motion to approve 2017 Jefferson County Library Service State Annual Report by Art Biermeier and seconded by Mark Elworthy. Motion carried.

Election of Officers for 2018:

President: Art Biermeier nominated Linda Ager and she accepted.

Vice President: Nancy Lust nominated Art Biermeier who was willing to serve again.

Secretary: Art Biermeier nominated Leigh Froelich.

Motion to open floor for discussion on nominations. Art Biermeier closed nominations. Hearing no objections, Officers will be as nominated: President Linda Ager, Vice President Art Biermeier, and Secretary Leigh Froelich.

Old Business: Planning for 2018: County Library Service Plan needs to be updated. Items discussed that needed updating were cover page graphic by taking off MWFLS and include Bridges and change service date 2019-2021, page 2 replace Towns of with chart(info graphic) of places with and without libraries, page 4 update services by adding many such as digital material, resume assistance, Makerspace opportunities, etc, expand on history of Board, page 5 delete mobile app portion and check stats throughout the whole document, page 6 part D expand on current sentence about ideas, programs, staff and solutions materials part E Stacey will create a 3 question survey to review current library system and change periodic to yearly, page 7 amend formula changed in 2017, page 8 part C change Since 2016, page 10 4B add quote from county library contract about attendance, page 11 review of plan change date and change URL. Changes will be made and brought back in July for vote.

Library reports:

Jefferson: Leann Lehner: Christmas season was good. Set up charging station and hotspots. Friends group bought banners and signage for meeting rooms. Doing a winter reading program. Youth is having passive programs as they choose. Wacky Monday's attendance increasing. Materials available for patrons for Valentine's Day. Inga Witcher- Match 17th. Friends has set up an Amazon smile account.

Whitewater: Stacey Lunsford: City Market-Winter Market in Community room with 19 vendors every other Saturday. Super STEM alternating Saturdays. STEM kits available to check out. Big Read coming up and cosponsoring with Young Auditorium. United Way grant paid for free pantry in library. Partnerships are going so well had to turn down some. Extremely busy.

Waterloo: Kelli Mountford: Libraries Transform-Take a child to Library day. Valentine's Day activities-teens made starburst roses. After hours Nerf battle for "tweens" has grown. Adults-Biggest Loser until March 17th. 35 signed up and split into men/women. Zumba is popular with 20-25 adults. Circulation is up thanks to Lucky Day. Looking for ideas on how to have patrons put holds on new items.

Fort Atkinson: Eric Robinson: Taste of Literacy Saturday March 3rd. Early literacy, ESL items purchased. Six tutors from Literacy council. Built Lucky day collection. Five Wi-Fi and had to go to 15. Fine forgiveness for valentine's week-148 accounts opened up. Had a flood in children's area from drainage blockage.

Johnson Creek: Abby Armour: Director for two months and the first month half the staff and one library board member quit. Melanie and Jill from Bridges helped with new website and secure email. Story times and programs are growing.

Lake Mills: Gerard Saylor: Looking for new Children's Librarian to hire with 14 applications. Schedule interviews next week. Looking to do a building assessment as want to expand to north.

Next meeting: Will be in July, Eric will send out poll.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Art Biermeier and seconded by Mark Elworthy. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.