

**Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes  
October 31, 2017**

PRESENT: Dick Nawrocki, Howard Pringle, Marion Onesti, Betty Scanlon, Jean Yeomans, Larry Nelson, Dwayne Morris, Linda Ager

ABSENT: Rose Sura, John Rhiel, Jim Heinrich

EX OFFICIO: Connie Meyer, Bridges Library System Director, Karol Kennedy, APL representative and Director of the Menomonee Falls Public Library

OTHERS: 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 Bridges Library System.

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

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Meeting Minutes: A Betty Scanlon/ Jean Yeomans motion to approve the minutes as submitted for the September 2017 meeting passed unanimously.

**ACTION ON THE BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Bills Report:* A Howard Pringle/Marion Onesti motion to approve the monthly invoices as submitted for the October 2017 bill list passed unanimously.

*Financial Report:* Connie Meyer reported that some budget items will require a line item transfer to finish out the year. There are adequate funds budgeted. However, a few adjustments need to be made related to the CAFÉ migration and personnel costs. Details will be prepared for the November meeting. A Dwayne Morris/Marion Onesti motion to accept the month end financial report for the October 2017 passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

*APL:* Karol Kennedy reported the APL met on 10/13/17. They finalized a slight change to the APL form of organization to be as follows: Each officer and representative shall serve a one-year term, or until their successor takes office in the case of a resignation, unexpected vacancy, or delay in the election process. In the event of a resignation or unexpected vacancy in the Presidency, the Vice President shall become President and a new Vice President shall be appointed by the President to serve the remainder of the Vice President's term. A majority vote

is required. The 2018 Café addendum agreements are being presented to the Bridges System Board and then forwarded for local library approval and signatures. A discussion was held about the WPL resource library funding and the potential for new services from them. A committee was formed for 2018 APL officer nominations.

*Resource Library Report:* Larry Nelson reported, on behalf of interim director John Klima, that the Marcus Theater *True Grit* dinner & a movie event has sold out. Waukesha Public Library, as part of the Waukesha Reads event series, will host a booth at the Southeast Wisconsin Festival of books event on Saturday November 4, 2017. Bruce Gay will join WPL as their new executive director on 11/29/17.

*Bridges Staff Report:* Meg Henke reported bandwidth upgrades are still in process.

*Bridges Director's Report:* Connie Meyer reported that Bridges will also have a booth at the SEWI Festival of Books event. Jill will be there with the new Padcaster equipment and will be filming patrons' comments speaking about why they love libraries. We now have three (3) Memory Café groups. The newest group is 'Wild Plum Memory Cafes' and it includes the following libraries: Brookfield Public Library, Menomonee Falls Public Library, Elm Grove Public Library, and the Germantown Community Library. Four of the five library director positions have been filled. Fort Atkinson's Dwight Foster Public Library hired Eric Robinson (he is leaving his post as Director at Mt. Mary University Library). He is starting in Fort Atkinson on October 16. Muskego Public Library hired Brittany Larson (she is leaving her post as Interim Director at Carroll University Library). She is starting in Muskego on October 24. . Butler Public Library has hired a Vicky Kollar as their director. Vicky was an adult reference librarian at the North Shore Library. She will be working about 25 hours per week and she officially begins her duties on October 28. Waukesha Public Library has hired Bruce Gay (he is leaving his post as Director of Milwaukee County Federated Library System). He is starting in Waukesha on November 29. New director orientations are Monday, November 7, for everyone except Bruce. Connie will be assisting MCFLS with their new director search. Legislative bill AB572/SB491 is moving forward with sponsors in both the state senate and assembly. Connie will follow up as the date is approaching for the vote. The bill allows for allocation of funds to school and public libraries. The legislative committee is hoping the bill will pass sometime in 2017. Lastly, next month's agenda will include a discussion about our bill payment obligations in the event a board quorum is not met and thusly our monthly meeting is not held.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

*Approval of 2018 Library Membership & Café Agreement Addendums:* Connie reported the 2018 addendums represent local library share for 2018. She also reported that most of the larger libraries choose to take a database credit rather than participate in the innovation grant. A Dwayne Morris/ Jean Yeomans motion to approve all of the 2018 Library Membership & Café Agreement Addendums as presented passed unanimously.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Bridges Library System office.**

At 7:10 p.m. a Betty Scanlon/Dwayne Morris motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:

Meg Henke  
Administrative Specialist

Respectfully Submitted:

John Rhiel  
Board Secretary