

JOINT COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

USS Liberty Memorial Public Library
Grafton, WI

June 9, 2014

Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.

Adjourned: 6:58 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Goehring, Betsy Vogel, Garrett Erickson, Elizabeth McCartney, Nanette Bulebosh, Nancy Szatkowski, Jen Gerber, Steve Ruggieri, Terry Anewenter, Dan Becker, Brian Hoffmann

MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Wegner, Donald Dohrwardt, Joe Rintelman

ALSO PRESENT: David Weinhold, Kay Lorenz, John Hanson, Amy Birtell, Trixine Tahtinen, Martha Rosche, Alison Ross, David Nimmer

Chairman Ruggieri called the meeting to order. Kay Lorenz verified the agenda was posted on June 3, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. in compliance with the open meeting law.

Correspondence – David Weinhold distributed a letter dated May 23, 2014 from the Cedarburg Library Board to be added to the meeting packet for discussion under the agenda item relating to investigation of Waukesha County Federated Library System.

Garrett Erickson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 Joint County Library Planning Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Bill Goehring. Motion carried.

David Weinhold reviewed the updated meeting schedule.

The Committee discussed the letter requesting investigation of the Waukesha County Library System by some Ozaukee County libraries. Chairman Ruggieri stated that there will be an investigation into this option, but it will not be investigated by this committee. **There was consensus amongst the group that the correspondence be filed.** Nanette Bulebosh suggested this committee receive updates on the investigation process. Jen Gerber asked why her library board's response to a May 1, 2014 letter from the ESLS Board President relating to comments Oscar Grady Public Library filed with the WI Department of Public Instruction had not been included in this packet. David indicated the ESLS Board has not met since the letters were received and they will be introduced at the next ESLS Board meeting.

Brian Hoffmann arrived at 5:18 p.m.

Chairman Ruggieri discussed the allocation of System Board membership, changing the representation of the board by replacing one member-at-large position with a participating library board member for each county while continuing to maintain the same balance between the librated and non-librated representation based on population. He provided an overview of the current membership for both counties. The rationale for the change is that library board members are more familiar with library programs and resources that are available to public libraries. This change would still leave six member-at-large positions on the ESLS Board. The Public Library Advisory Committee (PLAC) agreed with the proposed recommendation and further recommended changes should be made at the expiration of the member-at-large terms. **Nancy Szatkowski made a motion to support and adopt this new plan as part of this committee's final recommendations. Motion seconded by Jen Gerber. Motion carried 9-2 with Brian Hoffmann and Nanette Bulebosh voting no.**

David Weinhold discussed two proposals for reimbursement of public libraries for serving non-librarians and reviewed the levels of reimbursement in the current plan.

- *Proposal for 100% reimbursement level* - The PLAC recommends the Committee propose funding at the 100% reimbursement level using the method in Wisconsin Statutes 43.12. The rationale for this recommendation is that currently, non-librarian residents receive the same service as librarian residents, but at a discount (Ozaukee 15%, Sheboygan 7%) according to the current plan. Municipalities should not be expected to provide services at a discount. **Nancy Szatkowski made a motion to move toward reimbursement of public libraries at 100% of the amount computed in Wisconsin Statute 43.12. Motion seconded by Nanette Bulebosh. Nancy Szatkowski amended her initial motion to add that the committee will set up a schedule with a recommendation as to how to achieve 100% reimbursement. Amended motion seconded by Jen Gerber. Amended motion carried 9-2 with Brian Hoffman and Terry Anewenter voting no.**
- *Proposal for reimbursement of electronic content use by non-librarian residents* – The PLAC recommends deferring this topic to a later date when the technology initiative is discussed. The rationale is that, at this time, use of e-content is not recognized as circulation at the national or state level, and there are other factors that impact the overall use of e-content. Garrett Erickson requested ESLS staff research whether this has been done in other library systems or states and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

The next agenda will include a continuation of the discussion on reimbursement including consideration of a schedule to move to 100%, e-content, and other library services for non-librarian residents.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14th from 5 - 7 p.m. at the FL Weyenberg Library of Mequon Thiensville.

Garrett Erickson made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Dan Becker. Motion carried.

Thomas Wegner, Secretary

Kay Lorenz, Recording Secretary