

JOINT COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

F.L. Weyenberg Library of Mequon-Thiensville
Mequon, WI

July 14, 2014

Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.

Adjourned: 7:06 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Goehring, Thomas Wegner, Brian Hoffmann, Betsy Vogel, Garrett Erickson, Elizabeth McCartney, Nanette Bulebosh, Nancy Szatkowski, Don Dohrwardt, Joe Rintelman, Jen Gerber, Steve Ruggieri, Terry Anewenter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Becker

ALSO PRESENT: David Weinhold, Kay Lorenz, Amy Birtell, Linda Bendix, Alison Ross, David Nimmer, Sue Potter, Mimi Rosing, Harold Nonken

Chairman Ruggieri called the meeting to order. Kay Lorenz verified the agenda was posted on July 7, 2014 at 12:00 P.M. in compliance with the open meeting law. Committee members introduced themselves to Amy Birtell, ESLS Director.

Correspondence –

- Chairman Ruggieri briefly discussed the letters from the Oscar Grady Library dated May 16, 2014 and F.L. Weyenberg Library dated June 11, 2014 to the ESLS Board.

Terry Anewenter commented on the motion made at the last meeting regarding working toward reimbursement at 100% for non-librariated communities.

Bill Goehring made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 Joint County Library Planning Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Nancy Szatkowski. Motion carried.

Chairman Ruggieri briefly reported on the meeting with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Public Library Development Team Director regarding investigation of the Waukesha Public Library System by some Ozaukee County libraries. Chairman Ruggieri would prefer this topic be included under correspondence or public comment as it does not relate to this Committee's charge. Amy Birtell recommended the Eastern Shores Library System Board (ESLS) address this topic going forward. **There was consensus amongst the Committee members to refer this matter to the ESLS Board.**

David Weinhold discussed two proposals for reimbursement of public libraries for serving non-librariated residents.

- *Proposal for 100% reimbursement level* – to accomplish this goal, David Weinhold recommends the committee consider each county increasing their reimbursement level by 1% per year for the duration of this county library service plan. The rationale is that this continues the previous committee's recommendation to phase in the reimbursement goal over a period of years. In Sheboygan County, the reimbursement level would increase from 94% in 2016 to 98% in 2020. In Ozaukee County, the reimbursement level would increase from 86% in 2016 to 90% in 2020. **Nancy Szatkowski made a motion to accept the recommendation and rationale. Motion seconded by Tom Wegner. Motion carried with Joe Rintelman, Brian Hoffmann, and Terry Anewenter voting no.**

Copies of information provided to the previous committee by David Nimmer was distributed per the request of Nancy Szatkowski. There was consensus amongst the Committee members to review the information before discussing further.

- *Proposal for reimbursement of electronic content use by non-librarians* – responses for request for information from other library systems about including e-content in reimbursement for serving non-librarian residents were discussed. It is recommended that the Committee defer consideration of this proposal to a future agenda when county-wide technology initiatives are discussed. The rationale is that, at this time, use of e-content is not recognized as circulation at the national or state level. Other factors impact the overall use of e-content: availability of broadband system-wide; addition of product to library's services requires little additional expense; Wisconsin Digital Library (provided by Overdrive) is a state-wide consortium (Wisconsin Public Library Consortium) and not completely a local expense. **Don Dohrwardt made a motion to defer e-content discussion to a future meeting. Motion seconded by Nancy Szatkowski. Motion carried unanimously.**

Amy Birtell provided a short presentation on the Bookmobile Service and answered questions along with Sue Potter, Bookmobile Librarian. The Bookmobile serves a large non-librarian area of both counties and makes nine stops in Ozaukee County and 14 stops in Sheboygan County. Stops include neighborhoods, churches, schools, assisted living facilities, one nursing home and day cares—places where people gather. Discussion ensued. **There was consensus amongst the Committee members to defer further discussion on this topic to the next meeting.**

Chairman Ruggieri briefly discussed the possibility of engaging a consultant for the purpose of assisting this committee reach its goals in a timely, efficient and accurate manner. Amy Birtell indicated she feels confident she can lead the group as long as she has the ability to utilize a consultant as need for not more than 2-5 hours/month to assist with preparing committee agendas and materials. Committee members weighed in with different perspectives. The ESLS Board will discuss this at their next meeting and will determine whether they would approve ESLS funding for a consultant. In addition, each County has a specific budget for this Committee. **There was consensus amongst the group to defer further discussion on this topic until the next meeting – only if further discussion is still necessary.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11th from 5 - 7 p.m. at the W.J. Niederkorn Library in Port Washington.

Tom Wegner made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Nancy Szatkowski. Motion carried.

Thomas Wegner, Secretary

Kay Lorenz, Recording Secretary