

EASTERN SHORES LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Eastern Shores Library System

February 29, 2016

Called to Order: 4:30 P.M.

Adjourn: 5:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Jim Hughes, presiding, Carol Baumann, Jane Dederling, Tom Doane, Don Dohrwardt, Karen Dredge, Matt Fuller, Bill Goehring, Steve Ruggieri, Sherry Speth, and Nancy Szatkowski. One vacancy

ABSENT: Tom Bigler, Henry Nelson and Wendy Schobert

Also Present: Amy Birtell, Director; Trixine Tahtinen, PLAC Rep.; Robert Nitsch, Alison Ross, Nicole Lynaugh, Martha Rosche, Betty McCartney, and Paula Siefert, Recording Secretary designate

1. **Called to Order:** At 4:30 p.m. a quorum was present. Hughes called the meeting to order. The meeting was posted according to the open meeting law.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Goehring moved to approve the January 25, 2016 Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Szatkowski, motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Public Comment and Correspondence:** Hughes received and read a letter of resignation from the board effective March 1, 2016 from Carol Baumann. Baumann was thanked for the many years of service on the ESLS Board. The second letter was from Lisa Hurley, President, Lakeview Community Library thanking Amy Birtell for all of the work and guidance provided during their transition.
4. **Approval of Expenditures and Financial Report:** Siefert reviewed the expenditures. Dohrwardt moved to approve the expenditures of February 10 to 29, 2016. Ruggieri seconded, motion carried by voice vote. Siefert reviewed the Budget vs Actual January through February 2016. Report filed.
5. **Committee Assignments:** A change on the Assignments: Contracts Committee Chair will be Dohrwardt and not Szatkowski. With the retirement of Baumann, one opening on the Budget Committee. Ruggieri moved to approve the Committee Assignments, Dohrwardt seconded, motion carried by voice vote.
6. **PLAC Representative Report:** Tahtinen reviewed the February 23 PLAC meeting.
7. **Oscar Grady Public Library and the Memorandum of Understanding:** The Contracts Committee reviewed the MOU and altered the document. The board reviewed and sent back to the Contracts Committee for redrafting. The board requested legal counsel to review after redrafting.
8. **Contracts Committee:** Memorandum of Understanding for Services for System Merger Facilitation with Bruce Smith. Baumann moved to approve the MOU from Bruce Smith. Goehring seconded, motion carried by voice vote.

9. **Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System Merger:** Birtell presented a PowerPoint and handouts with merger information. Merge website: mwesmerge.org Agendas, minutes, recorded meetings, and FAQ are at this website. If board members have questions post them to: esls-mwfls@mwfls.org Trustees received the list of Concerns/comments on the Merger with MWFLS created at the February 23, 2016 PLAC meeting. The Internal Merger Meeting will be at the Cedar Grove Public Library on March 7 at 1:00 p.m.

10. **Directors Report:** Birtell reported a new bill was just authorize that allowed enlistment of outside parties—collection agencies, or, in some cases, the police—to help recover late fees, fines, and unreturned materials for that state’s libraries, a problem that reportedly cost \$3.5 million in the last year alone. Also reported on the Public Library System Redesign Project; EAP training for staff; SEWI Continuing Education planning meeting on future workshops; Library Systems have been approached to help pay for the new lobbyist hired. Notice from South Central Library System that the 2017 delivery fees will go up.

11. Staff Reports: Ross submitted a written report; Nitsch and Siefert provided oral reports.

12. Adjourn: At 5:35 p.m. Dohrwardt move to adjourn, Szatkowski seconded motion carried by voice vote.