

# LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2009

Onalaska Public Library Meeting Room  
741 Oak Avenue South  
Onalaska WI 54650

4:48 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Loren Caulum, Fred Marini, George Varnum, Mary Bach Filla, Barbara Manthei, Andrea Richmond (arrived at 4:52)

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Glenn Seager

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Christine McArdle Rojo, Library Director; Judy Jamesson, Library Secretary

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Loren Caulum called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Board members Loren Caulum, Fred Marini, George Varnum, Mary Bach Filla, and Barbara Manthei were present. Glenn Seager, excused.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:**

Motion by Barbara Manthei/Mary Bach Filla to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION** carried unanimously, Glenn Seager excused.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public input at this time.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion by Fred Marini/Andrea Richmond to approve the April 1, 2009 minutes as written. **MOTION** carried unanimously, Glenn Seager excused.

## **APPROVAL OF MAY 2009 EXPENDITURES:**

Motion by Andrea Richmond/Barbara Manthei to approve the April, 2009 invoices being paid in May, 2009. **MOTION** carried unanimously, Glenn Seager excused.

## **PUBLIC INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS:**

The School District of Holmen will no longer be able to provide the Holmen Area Library with free Internet service due to budget constraints at the school district. Service will end on June 30, 2009.

The School District of Onalaska would like to end free Internet service to the Onalaska Public Library as well.

Campbell, Bangor and West Salem are currently receiving free Internet service through Charter, dating back to when we contracted with Charter to provide DSL access for the library automation system. They are no longer offering new free Internet service, however we can add Holmen and Onalaska for \$47.48 per building per month. There would be a \$99 installation fee at each building but IT is trying to negotiate with Charter.

IT is exploring other Internet options. Chris says there should be enough money left in the telephone account to cover the Internet costs since the phone book advertising has already been paid. Some economic stimulus money should be available for public internet services but the guidelines for applying for the grants have not been released.

It would be possible to contract with WRLS for Internet services but the cost is high. WRLS director David Polodna has suggested that the fees WRLS charges us for workstation access to Horizon may be changed to a single flat fee for the library. If that happened it could allow us to seek service through WRLS.

Motion by Andrea Richmond/Barbara Manthei to refer the subject to the June meeting hoping that more information and better pricing is available. **MOTION** carried unanimously, Glenn Seager excused.

## **SUMMER READING PROGRAM CONTRACT APPROVAL:**

Youth Services has engaged 6 performers to provide entertainment during the Summer Reading Program. Mileage charges for the performers used the entire non-employee mileage budget.

Motion by Loren Caulum/Andrea Richmond to vote on all six contracts together. **MOTION** carried unanimously, Glenn Seager excused.

Motion by Andrea Richmond/Mary Bach Filla to approve all six contracts. **MOTION** carried unanimously, Glenn Seager excused.

**SERVICE LOCATIONS:**

Campbell is the smallest of the five library facilities. In the last two years the circulation has grown slightly, there is minimal computer use and few reference questions asked. Chris would like to form a Community Action Group with representatives from the Friends of the Campbell Library, the local school, the Park and Recreation Department from the town, the Parent Teacher Organization and any other interested local citizens, to discuss ways of spurring interest in the library. The local elementary school has been using La Crosse Public Library North for art shows and they send the students by bus to tour LPL Main when the Campbell library is within walking distance. Some suggestions by the board were to adjust the hours the library is open to better serve the public and to see if there is interest in the community to provide a bigger facility.

**SERVICE AWARDS:**

Chris suggested having lapel pins made to present to library staff indicating their years of library service. These pins, and perhaps other types of pins, could be attached to the name badges worn by staff.

**FACILITY & COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

Chris passed out a written report with facility updates. Fred Marini mentioned that the land that had been offered to the town for the library had been withdrawn due to family issues with the donation. The town is looking at other properties.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Doug Schoenfeld from Information Technology about Internet Services  
Budget 2010  
Campbell  
Service Awards

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Approved, June 4, 2009. Judy Jamesson, Recorder.