

**WINDING RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 26, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Catherine Beyers, George Brandt, Loren Caulum, Karen Dahl, Louise Donohue, Wayne Gates, Clara Johnson, Nancy Lerum, Sue Lindahl, Frank Nicosia, Gina Rae, Karen Thayer, Jane Walczak, John Wenum.

**EXCUSED:** Myrna Kelley, Mary E. Larson, Elizabeth Nutter, Vern Olson, Marilyn Pedretti.

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Kristen Anderson, Karen Carr (Wilton Library), Charles Clemence, Randy Dagnon, Muriel Gunderson (Black River Falls Library), Peggy Klein (Sparta Library), David Polodna, Marcia Sarnowski.

1. Call to Order/Open Meeting Notice Certification: The meeting was called to order by President Brandt at 6:30 pm and compliance with the open meetings law was certified by Polodna.

2. Roll Call: Roll call was taken as indicated above. It was announced that David Brommerich from Buffalo County has resigned and WRLS was just informed of the appointment of his replacement, David Eddy. Sue Lindahl, the new appointee from Jackson County, was welcomed to her first meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Wayne Gates, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2010 meeting as presented. Carried.

4. Reports

4.1 Approval of Bills & Budget Update: Polodna presented the bills and answered questions from trustees about specific expenditures. Motion by Catherine Beyers, seconded by Jane Walczak, to approve the bills as presented. Carried. The budget report was then considered and questions were raised about particular items in the operating and WRLSWEB budgets. Motion by Frank Nicosia, seconded by Karen Dahl, to accept the budget report. Carried.

4.2 Integrated Library System Search Committee Report: Charles Clemence summarized the recent activities of the committee as it made visits to see various automated platforms in real life situations. While each platform viewed offered some strong features, none was so outstanding as to justify the expense involved with acquiring them. He reported that the committee has concluded that the best course of action for now is to remain with the Sirsi-Dynix Horizon product, making some smaller changes to enhance the user experience with the catalog, and then reassess the automation

market in another year or so. The committee is still in discussions with Autograhics, a company which would like to break into the larger consortia market and has indicated they would be willing to provide some custom development to meet our needs and desires if we would implement their platform.

4.3 Director's Report: Two summaries of personnel committee meetings were included in the packets; Polodna noted that the committee is proceeding with discussions and hopes to have a recommendation for the board in July. The packet also included a one page "State of Library Services" report which Polodna designed for the county supervisors and local library trustees. These have been distributed.

4.3 Public Comments or Topics for Discussion at Future Meetings: None.

## 5. Revisited Business

5.1 Minimum Wages for Library Directors: The proposed recommendations for 2011 wage levels were introduced and discussed. It was clarified that these recommendations are meant as a guide for library boards and municipal governing bodies when considering appropriate compensation for library directors. They have been used by libraries throughout Wisconsin. Motion by Jane Walczak, seconded by Karen Dahl, to approve the recommendations for distribution. Carried.

## 6. New Business

6.1 WRLSWEB Broadband Opportunity Upgrade: Polodna gave the background on the federal stimulus grant awarded to Wisconsin to provide fiber optic cable to any public or school library which does not already have it, and explained that the expanded capability provided by this cable and the enhancement of the BadgerNet circuits for the libraries (without any increase in cost) was going to make it possible for WRLSWEB to implement some new software and institute more efficient and comprehensive methods of providing technical support for member libraries. An estimate has been made that it will cost about \$10,000 to acquire the means to take advantage of this upgrade and the WRLSWEB Network Advisory Committee (NAC) asked if WRLSWEB capital funds could be used to fund this endeavor. Polodna rounded the request of the boards to \$12,000 so that if the estimate was low we could still proceed without needing to come back the boards for additional authorization. Motion by Gina Rae, seconded by Karen Dahl, to authorize up to \$12,000 from the WRLSWEB capital reserve to fund a technology upgrade related to the broadband grant capabilities. Carried.

6.2 New WRLSWEB Pricing Structure: The current method of determining the distribution of WRLSWEB costs, which is based on the number and types of computer stations connected to the network,

was explained and characterized as no longer supportable or rational because of changes in technology. For the past two or three years, NAC has been talking about changing the pricing structure and, after looking at various approaches, has adopted a structure that utilizes three factors for distributing costs to members: 1) a base participation factor which asks the same dollar amount for each library and represents 10% of the total revenues needed, 2) a circulation factor which takes into account a library's relative level of circulation activity and represents 60% of total revenues, and 3) a collection factor, similar in concept to the second factor, which represents 30% of total revenues. While this new structure will alter the fees required from members, with some seeing higher and some lower fees, the NAC members have agreed this is workable and necessary, and therefore recommends the change to the governing boards. Considerable discussion followed. Motion by Jane Walczak, seconded by Catherine Beyers, to adopt the new WRLSWEB pricing structure as recommended by NAC. Carried.

6.3 Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on July 28, 2010 at the Black River Falls Public Library.

7. Adjournment: Unofficially yet unanimously, all in attendance thanked Gina Rae for sharing her wonderful square pies! Motion by Nancy Lerum, seconded by Frank Nicosia, to adjourn. President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Polodna, Recorder