

LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2010
Onalaska Public Library
Meeting Room B
741 Oak Ave S
Onalaska WI 54650

4:50 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Loren Caulum, Arlene Benrud, George Varnum, Mary Bach Filla, Fred Marini, Glenn Seager, Barbara Manthei

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

President Loren Caulum called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Board members Loren Caulum, Arlene Benrud, George Varnum, Mary Bach Filla, Fred Marini, Glenn Seager, Barbara Manthei were present. Loren presented Arlene Benrud as the new board member replacing Andrea Richmond and representing the County Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

Motion by Glenn Seager/Barbara Manthei to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No members of the public were present.

ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICERS:

Motion by Glenn Seager/George Varnum to nominate Loren Caulum as President, Arlene Benrud as Vice President, and Fred Marini as Secretary/Treasurer. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mary Bach Filla/Barbara Manthei to approve the December 2, 2009, minutes as corrected. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2009 EXPENDITURES (13th Month):

Motion by Barbara Manthei/George Varnum to approve the December, 2009, invoices being paid in January, 2010. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2010 EXPENDITURES:

Motion by Fred Marini/Glenn Seager to approve the January, 2010 invoices being paid in January, 2010. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT:

Susan Smullen gave \$500 for children's books for West Salem. The Monroe, WI school district donated \$90 for proctoring exams for their virtual school. The figure used in December for the account adjustment for the Ertz memorial was incorrect. Correction of -\$3.39. Total of \$586.61.

Chris is using a County cell phone which she budgeted (initial cost of phone \$154.03) in the Expense Account# 60515, Supplies. Finance wants it paid out of the new Expense Account# 68055, Cellular Services. Funds (\$82.69) left in the Expense Account# 71025, Personnel Recruitment, combined with the amount from the Supplies account will cover the 2009 cost of the phone.

Motion by Barb Manthei/Mary Bach Filla to increase Revenue Account #53025 Grants/Contributions and Expense Account #84050 Grants/Contributions by \$586.61 and to decrease Expense Account# 60515, Supplies by \$154.03, decrease Expense Account# 71025, Personnel Recruitment by \$82.69 and increase Expense Account# 68055, Cellular Services by \$236.72. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING TIME:

No change was requested.

FACILITY & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Chris's written report with facility updates was included in the packet mailed to board members prior to the meeting. Fred reports that Mindoro has chosen Vantage Architects. Chris and Karen Kroll and Fred are working on the floor plans.

Greg Mortenson, author of Three Cups of Tea, visited the La Crosse area in 2009 to speak about building schools in Pakistan. Tom Rauk, a former County Board member, heard him speak and wanted everyone to have access to this book. Finding the library well stocked with Three Cups of Tea, Mr. Rauk then donated copies of Greg Mortenson's 2nd book Stones Into Schools to both the La Crosse County and La Crosse City Libraries. Chris wrote a newspaper article about Mr. Rauk's generosity that was picked up by the AP wire. As a result La Crosse County Library received a shipment of several copies of both Stones Into Schools and Three Cups of Tea from Mr. Mortenson.

The Library Board plans to have completed a new set of evaluation forms for use in the 2011 evaluation of the Director.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None were suggested.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Arlene Benrud/Fred Marini to go into Closed Session at 5:42 PM pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. TO WIT: Library Director Evaluation. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Motion by Mary Bach Filla/Fred Marini to go into Open Session at 6:14 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Approved. February 3, 2010, Judy Jamesson