

LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2010

Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library
201 Neshonoc Rd
West Salem WI 54669

4:47 PM

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Arlene Benrud

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

CALL TO ORDER:

President Loren Caulum called the meeting to order at 4:47 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Board members Loren Caulum, Glenn Seager, George Varnum, Mary Bach Filla, Fred Marini, Barbara Manthei were present. 1 excused - Arlene Benrud

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

Motion by Barbara Manthei/Mary Bach Filla to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION** carried unanimously with 1 excused – Arlene Benrud.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by George Varnum/Fred Marini to approve the March 3, 2010, minutes as written. **MOTION** carried unanimously with 1 excused – Arlene Benrud.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2010 EXPENDITURES:

Motion by Barbara Manthei/Glenn Seager to approve the March, 2010 invoices being paid in April, 2010. **MOTION** carried unanimously with 1 excused – Arlene Benrud.

ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENTS:

Finance created Revenue Account #47061 to accommodate reimbursements from local municipalities and other organizations. The Village of West Salem agreed to renew \$522.55 and the Friends of the Onalaska Library agreed to renew \$472.29 in magazine subscriptions for 2010. Those amounts have been paid and are in account #47061. Magazine subscriptions are invoiced by contract with W.T. Cox and paid from Expense Account #61521 Periodicals.

Motion by Barb Manthei/Mary Bach Filla to increase Expense Account #61521 Periodicals by \$994.84 as deposited to Revenue Account 47061 Municipal Contributions. **MOTION** carried unanimously with 1 excused – Arlene Benrud.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM CONTRACTS:

Karen Kroll, Youth Services Librarian, has presented Chris with contracts for four entertainment acts for the Summer Reading Program, for a total of \$5,895. The library board is required to approve the contracts before sending them to Corporation Counsel to review.

Motion by Barb Manthei/Mary Bach Filla to approve the four contracts and send them for review.

MOTION carried unanimously with 1 excused – Arlene Benrud.

Act 420 – a cross-county reimbursement formula:

Counties who do not provide library services to all of their residents may be charged by the adjoining counties if those residents use the neighboring counties library facilities. WRLS bills those counties for reimbursement on behalf of La Crosse County and La Crosse Public libraries. La Crosse Public Library receive \$212,081 this year, mainly from Vernon County. La Crosse County Library received \$20,000.

Eight other consolidated counties do not charge their neighboring counties. The charges for La Crosse County are based on the annual report of circulation statistics by the La Crosse County Library.

PROPOSED WRLSWEB FEE STRUCTURE:

WRLS has proposed moving away from a per-station fee structure to a formula based one that would include a 10% base fee, 60% based on total circulation and 30% for collection size. The new proposal would mean a fluctuating annual cost based on the previous year's use and collection applied to the total cost to operate WRLSWeb. The La Crosse County Library Board would like to have a break-down of the automation budget and to see the total budget.

Barbara Manthei left at 5:28.

WRLSWEB BYLAWS:

Copies of proposed changes to the WRLSWEB Shared Information Technology Network Bylaws and the WRLSWEB Shared Information Technology Network Services Agreement were given to the board for their information. No action has been taken by WRLS at this time.

WRLS BOARD REPORT:

The annual audit gave WRLS a good report. Loren will have more details next month.

FACILITY & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Chris sent to each board member with the packets. In honor of their service as board members and the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Week, Chris gave each board member a small flashlight.

Mindoro: At recent Town Hall meetings there were comments made by residents that ranged from "I didn't know about a proposed new library building" to "I don't want to pay any new taxes." The next Annual Meeting may result in the library project being postponed for a while.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

WRLS Fee structure
WRLSWEB By-laws
WRLS Network Services Agreement
Chris's Conference Report

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next meeting. Judy Jamesson, Recorder.