

WINDING RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 26, 2011

PRESENT: George Brandt, Loren Caulum, David Eddy, Wayne Gates, Clara Johnson, Myrna Kelley, Nancy Lerum, Sue Lindahl, Frank Nicosia, Vern Olson, Karen Thayer, Jane Walczak, John Wenum.

EXCUSED: Elizabeth Nutter, Marilyn Pedretti.

ABSENT: Catherine Beyers, Karen Dahl.

STAFF & GUESTS: Kristen Anderson, Charles Clemence, Randy Dagnon, Dan Duellman, Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Chris McArdle-Rajo, David Polodna, Marcia Sarnowski.

1. Call to Order/Open Meeting Notice Certification: The meeting was called to order by President Brandt at 6:33 pm. Open meetings compliance was certified.

2. Roll Call: Roll call was taken as indicated above.

3. Approval of Minutes: Motion by David Eddy, seconded by Frank Nicosia, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting as presented. Carried.

4. Reports

4.1 Approval of Bills & Budget Update: President Brandt presented the bills. Motion by Nancy Lerum, seconded by John Wenum, to approve the bills as presented. Carried. The budget report was then considered and accepted.

4.2 Search Committee Report: President Brandt noted the minutes of the December committee meeting that was in the packet and added that five candidates have been selected for interviews which will begin the first week of February. Jane Walczak asked for the geographic distribution of the five selected candidates. Polodna reported that three were from Wisconsin, one was from Indiana, and one was from Kansas.

4.3 Director's Report: Polodna repeated his report from December that the awards for federal grants had not yet been released, but added that the confusion in Washington is delaying the authorization of funding and this could create financial concerns for 2011 if the awards are not made.

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

5. Revisited Business

5.1 Election of Officer from Floor Nominations: President Brandt turned the meeting over to Polodna for the election process. The three offices were identified and nominations were requested. Motion by David Eddy, seconded by Nancy Lerum, to nominate George Brandt for President. Additional nominations were called for; none being offered motion by Vern Olson, seconded by John Wenum, to close the nominations. Motion for Brandt as President carried unanimously. Motion by George Brandt, seconded by John Wenum, to

nominate Loren Caulum for Vice-President. Additional nominations were called for; none being offered motion by Nancy Lerum, seconded by Myrna Kelley, to close the nominations. Motion for Caulum as Vice-President carried unanimously. Motion by Jane Walczak, seconded by David Eddy, to nominate Jane Walczak for Secretary-Treasurer. Additional nominations were called for; none being offered motion by George Brandt, seconded by David Eddy, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Walczak as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion for Walczak as Secretary-Treasurer carried unanimously.

5.2 Appointment of the Personnel Committee: George Brandt, again in his capacity as President, asked the 2010 personnel committee if it would be willing to continue as the committee in 2011 given that the process of selecting the new director was still being implemented. All agreed; the personnel committee for 2011 will be George Brandt, Karen Thayer, and John Wenum.

6. New Business

6.1 Annual Report to the State for 2010: The draft report had been provided via the packet. After brief discussion, motion by Wayne Gates, seconded by Vern Olson to approve the report and authorize the President and Director to sign the report and submit it to the Department of Public Instruction by the statutory deadline. Carried.

6.2 WRLSWEB Firewall Upgrade: The invoice and need for the new firewall hardware were considered, with President Brandt noting that the 40% discount seemed a positive motivation for acting now. Motion by John Wenum, seconded by Myrna Kelly, to approve the Locknet firewall proposal for a one time expenditure from the WRLSWEB capital fund of \$22,338. Carried.

6.3 New Van Purchase: Polodna reiterated the written agenda item, noting the necessity for a timely replacement for the back-up van and the long history of Dahl Ford being awarded vehicle purchase contracts because of their willingness to bid and their consistent lowest cost offer. Discussion followed. Jane Walczak asked how the old vehicles were disposed of, and Polodna responded that typically a sign is put in the window and the vehicle is sold to an interested party. Motion by Wayne Gates, seconded by Frank Nicosia, to authorize the administration to negotiate the fleet purchase of a new E-350 cargo van from Dahl Ford with a maximum expenditure of \$23,000 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund. Carried.

6.4 Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on March 23, 2011 at the La Crosse Public Library.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Wayne Gates, seconded by Jane Walczak, to adjourn. President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Polodna, Recorder