

LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

February 2, 2011
Onalaska Public Library
741 Oak Ave. S
Onalaska WI 54650
4:45 pm

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Barbara Manthei

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF AND GUESTS: Christine McArdle Rojo, Library Director; Judy Jamesson, Library Secretary; Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Director of La Crosse Public Library

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:

President Loren Caulum called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

MOTION by Benrud/Bach Filla to approve the agenda as written. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manthei excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION by Marini/Benrud to approve the January 5, 2011, minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manthei excused.

APPROVAL OF 2010 13th MONTH EXPENDITURES:

MOTION by Bach Filla/Benrud to approve the 2nd set of 2010 invoices being paid in the 13th month. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manthei excused.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2011 EXPENDITURES:

MOTION by Benrud/Bach Filla to approve 2011 expenses paid in February. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manthei excused.

APPROVAL OF 2010 CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS:

Chris requested the board to approve carrying forward \$1,794.87 in Account # 84050 Grant Contribution Expense. The funds are from memorials and contributions from patrons that came in too late in 2010 to be used before the end of the year. **MOTION** by Marini/Varnum to approve the carry forward request. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manthei excused.

2010 ANNUAL REPORT:

The Annual Report, prepared for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, is due to David Polodna, Director of WRLS, by February 16, 2011. The report is not complete at this meeting because Chris is waiting for some information. Loren Caulum, as president of the board, will meet with Chris to sign the final report when it is finished. **MOTION** by Benrud/Marini to authorize Loren to sign final report. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manthei excused.

An attachment to the report asks each library to agree or disagree with the statement that their library system has provided effective leadership and adequately meets the needs of the library. **MOTION** by Marini/Bach Filla to approve statement that the Winding Rivers Library System **has** provided effective leadership and adequately meets the needs of the library. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manthei excused.

eBOOK READERS:

e-readers have become very popular and patrons have been bringing theirs into the library to ask for help in using them. Many of our staff do not own e-readers and none have been trained to teach others how to use them. Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Director of La Crosse Public Library, said that LPL owns a few different models of e-readers to allow staff to become familiar with them so they can help patrons. Chris suggested

that the same be considered for the County Library. The consensus of the board is to wait a year or two and see how the market looks. There may be many changes in a short time that could affect their decision.

WRLS REPORT:

1. Loren Caulum was re-elected vice-president of the WRLS Board.
2. A report from the Search Committee said they have begun interviews with the top five candidates for the director's position. Interviews will continue through February 11, 2011. If a candidate is chosen the decision will be announced. If not they will re-advertise for applicants and begin the process again.
3. A LSTA Grant Report said that Federal Money has not been authorized so no grants have been awarded.
4. The WRLS Annual Report was reviewed and approved.
5. The board authorized the purchase of a new delivery van.
6. The board approved the purchase of new firewalls, basically upgrading the existing ones.

FACILITY, COMMUNITY, & PROGRAMMING UPDATES:

A report was included in the Board packets.

Loren Caulum was reappointed to the La Crosse County Library Board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caulum declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Disclaimer: Approved 3/2/11.

Judy Jamesson, Library Secretary.