

LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

May 4, 2011

Onalaska Public Library

741 Oak Ave. S

Onalaska WI 54650

4:48 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Loren Caulum, Fred Marini, Barbara Manthei, George Varnum

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mary Bach Filla, Arlene Benrud, Glenn Seager

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF AND GUESTS: Christine McArdle Rojo, Library Director; Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Director of La Crosse Public Library; Shari Axelsen, Branch Assistant - Bangor

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:

President Loren Caulum called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

MOTION by Manthei/Marini to approve the agenda as written. **Motion carried unanimously**, Mary Bach Filla, Arlene Benrud, Glenn Seager excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Loren Caulum passed around materials he had picked up recently from the library in Denver.

SERVICE RECOGNITION:

Shari Axelsen, Bangor Branch Assistant was honored for her 20 years of service. Mary Humm, Holmen Library Clerk, retired after 26 years.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION by Marini/Varnum to approve the April 6, 2011, minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously**, Mary Bach Filla, Arlene Benrud, Glenn Seager excused.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2011 EXPENDITURES:

MOTION by Manthei/Varnum to approve 2011 expenses paid in May. **Motion carried unanimously**, Mary Bach Filla, Arlene Benrud, Glenn Seager excused.

Discussion: Manthei asked about cooperative buying with other libraries as a way of saving money. McArdle Rojo noted that they use Ingram and Baker & Taylor, who have State contracts, and also give other discounts and often free shipping. Mention was made as to how the County wanted all departments to hold to a \$0 budget increase. However, the Liability and Property accounts both had insurance increases. Liability is up \$556 and Property up \$1,053. This is due to the libraries having to have a boiler insurance rider and also Bond insurance on some employees. Adjustments will be made for the 2012 budget.

Note: The new form the County uses when a voucher exceeds \$3,000, no longer offers space for committees to sign for approval. McArdle Rojo stated that the solution is to attach a copy of the minutes showing approval of the bills.

SOFTWARE MIGRATION CHANGES:

Management training on the new library software revealed problems that will postpone the installation of the software. Autographics, who wrote the software will work on the problems and changes over the summer.

MOTION by Marini/Manthei to move the training dates and close the individual libraries to the following schedule: Holmen & Bangor – Aug 16. West Salem & Campbell – Aug 18. Onalaska – Aug 19. **Motion carried unanimously**, Mary Bach Filla, Arlene Benrud, Glenn Seager excused.

Note: McArdle Rojo mentioned that, on August 20, the Onalaska Library staff may be marching in the Legion Days street parade and, if so, the library would be closed. She will let us know when she hears more.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CITY OF ONALASKA AND THE ONALASKA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Following the departure of Todd Weymiller, head of the City of Onalaska Building and Grounds Department, some restructuring of the department was done to save money. City Building and Grounds, including the library, will be supervised by the Park and Recreation Department and Weymiller's position was reclassified at a lower pay grade, requiring fewer skill levels. As a result there are some issues as to job duties and communication. The City wants a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Onalaska Library organization. When the matter was discussed at the May Library Commission meeting it was suggested that the existing contract between the City and the County would be sufficient if an addendum were added to cover the Friends.

FACILITY & COMMUNITY AND OTHER UPDATES:

- A report was included in the Board packets.
- Marini briefly discussed the high turnouts for Mindoro/Farmington's last three monthly programs. The programs are becoming very popular.
- Krieg-Sigman, La Crosse Public Library Director gave us some La Crosse Public Library updates.
- The State Joint Finance Committee restored BadgerLink funding, but not Maintenance of Effort for libraries.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

WRLS' new System Director, Kristen Anderson will be introduced at our June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caulum declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.

DISCLAIMER: Approved 6/1/11
Fred Marini, Board Secretary.