

LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

January 4, 2012
Onalaska Public Library
741 Oak Ave S
Onalaska WI 54650
4:49 pm

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Arlene Benrud

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF AND GUESTS: Christine McArdle Rojo, Library Director; Judy Jamesson, Recorder

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:

President Loren Caulum called the meeting to order at 4:49 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012:

Loren called for nominations from the floor. Seager nominated the incumbents to continue their positions. Varnum seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. A unanimous show of hands re-elected Loren Caulum as President; Arlene Benrud (in absentia) as Vice President; and Fred Marini as Secretary.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION by Marini/Seager to approve the December 7, 2011, minutes as written. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused.

APPROVAL OF 2011 13TH MONTH EXPENDITURES:

MOTION by Bach-Filla/Varnum to approve 2011 expenses paid in January 2012. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2012 EXPENDITURES:

MOTION by Manthei/Bach-Filla to approve January 2012 expenses paid in January 2012. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT:

McArdle requests that contributions from various sources be made available to spend:

Sophie Bell	\$2,000.00
Susan Smullen	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	\$2,500.00

McArdle would like to increase Revenue Account 53025 Designated Grants and Contributions and also increase Expense Account 84050 Grant/Contribution Expense by \$2,500.00

MOTION by Manthei/Seager to approve the account adjustment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

WRLS REPORT:

McArdle commented that at a recent NAC meeting with the AG programmers it was acknowledged that many problems still existed and that the fixes for those problems frequently changed other operations that had previously been working. The programmers went to some of the smaller libraries to watch the system in action and see for themselves how the work flow is affected. The board complimented the library staff for persevering in making it all work in spite of the problems.

2012 GOALS AND EVALUATION MATERIALS FOR THE DIRECTOR:

McArdle reviewed the 2011 goals and the progress on each and presented the Library Board with a list for 2012. In light of the public's disenchantment with the Illuminar system and the fact that it is taking so long to bring it up to speed, the Library Board added to the list of goals. Added to the list was to mend fences with our patrons. Original goals presented by McArdle were:

- 1) Continue to promote and expand the Leave a Legacy Event and promote the County Library as a giving outlet
- 2) Resume work with County IT Department to create and implement a long-range Technology Plan
- 3) Implement and transition to a VoIP Telephone system to save costs and enhance County Library identity with one central number
- 4) Restructure Library Staffing to enable better use of resources and reduce any impact on cuts for 2013
- 5) Continue to work to help improve the library automation system and continue to train Staff to be comfortable with the system.

Evaluation packets were distributed to the board members. They are to be completed and returned to Loren by January 15, 2012 to compile the results. For those that were interested McArdle offered to send electronic forms.

FACILITY & COMMUNITY NEWS:

This was sent to the board in their packets.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Director's evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Caulum declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

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Judy Jamesson, Recorder.