

FOREST COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Edith Evans Public Library
Laona, Wisconsin, 54541

Monday, July 29, 2019

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Carol Bartlein.

Roll call was taken:

Present: (Library Board): Carol Bartlein, Peter Davison, Theresa Novak, Karen McMillion, and Linda Harter, (Library Directors) Felicia Albrecht, Cindy Lemerande, and Stephanie Schmidt, (County Board) Karl Tauer, Randy Burl, and William Chaney

Absent: Christine Janczewski and Mary LeMaster

Guest: Kris Adams Wendt WVLS

Pete moved to accept the agenda as presented. Theresa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Guest Appearance(s):

Wisconsin Valley Library Service - Kris Adams Wendt reported on the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee hearings and results. The Public Library System Aid was renewed with extra support at \$2 million without the "one-time only" stipulation that had been in place. Noted in her report was the fact that revenue for Public Library System Aid, Library Service Contracts and Badgerlink and Newsline for the Blind comes entirely from the segregated Universal Service fund via a telecommunications service surcharge administered under the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. No general purpose revenue is appropriated for these state library aid line items. She also mentioned that we need to continue to make known the relevancy of libraries today.

William Chaney was welcomed as a new Forest County Board Representative to our Library Board.

Minutes of Previous Meeting - A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Pete to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report - Carol presented a budget report. We have \$434 left in our current year's budget.

Membership Terms: Karen and Theresa agreed to serve another term.

Budget for 2019:

Special Projects: Stephanie presented the project proposal for the Crandon Library.

It involves enhancing the Alternative Materials for their library, including DVDs and Large Print Books. Theresa moved to accept this proposal. Karen seconded the motion. The motion carried. Laona Library's proposal will be presented at a later date.

Budget Proposal 2020 - Carol presented a budget proposal for \$100,000.00 for 2020. The monies to be distributed as follows: Forest County Libraries reimbursed at 80% rate, adjacent county libraries reimbursed at state required 70% rate., \$536 Library Board Expenses, \$400 Forest County Visitor's Guide, \$7,000 Special Projects. This is a \$4000 decrease in our budget. The increased rate of reimbursement to the Library Board reflects a need to promote increased use of Forest County libraries. Discussion followed. It was noted that the average rate of county reimbursement to local libraries in WVLS is 92%, and 2/3 of the state counties reimburse local libraries at a rate higher than 70%. Pete moved to accept the budget proposal as presented. Theresa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Summer Programs: Library Directors reported on the summer programs.

Review of Goals for 2016-2020: It was noted that next year we need to re-enter and revise the Strategic Plan.

Reports: Library Directors gave reports. There were not current reports for WVLS Library Advisory Committee or WVLS Board of Trustees. There was no correspondence at this time.

The date for the next meeting will be October, 21, 2019, at 6:00 at the Crandon Public Library. We will have our Annual Meeting at this time, also.

Motion by Theresa and seconded by Linda to adjourn at 7:20. Motion carried.