

FOREST COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

January 12, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 by President Carol Bartlein.

Roll call was taken:

Present: Carol Bartlein, Christine Janczewski, Pete Davison, Theresa Novak, Karen McMillion, Linda Harter. Cindy Lemerande, Stephanie Schmidt, Lynne Black, and Karl Tauer. Guest: Kris Adams Wendt.

Christine J. moved to accept the agenda as presented. Karen M. seconded. Motion carried.

Kris Adams Wendt reported there is to be a Virtual Library Legislative Day (Feb. 16-17-18). Our new 12th District Legislator has been appointed to the Joint Finance Committee and is in a position to champion library aids. The MCPL move from WVLS is still not finalized. Meetings and votes on this in the future.

Linda H. moved to accept the minutes of the Oct. 13, 2020 meeting with the following corrections: under attendance "Lynne Black was present" under budget "no money was paid for ad submitted to the Forest County Visitors" Guide. The money will be used for an ad this year." Pete D. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report - Carol B. received end of year report from the County and submitted vouchers Jan. 4, 2021.

Budget for 2021 - The submitted budget was approved by the County Board (it includes no money for special projects)

Membership - Election of officers: Pete D. nominated the current slate of officers (President - Carol B., Vice President - Christine J, Secretary - Mary LeMaster) be accepted by unanimous consent. Linda H. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of 2021-2025 Strategic Plan - Christine J. moved to accept the Plan. Linda H. seconded. Motion Carried.

Review of Goals for 2021-2025

1. To provide all county residents with open access to services provided by all WVLS members in accordance with 43.11 (3) (c), and services that meet community needs by providing exceptional programs, materials and outreach, that promote literacy, lifelong learning, and civic interaction.
2. Promote equitable funding for library services provided for county residents and press for increased percentage of reimbursement by Forest County to its libraries for circulations to residents of its non-librariated municipalities, to be more reflective of surrounding counties.
3. Support continuing services provided by Wisconsin Valley Library System in accordance with Wis. Stat. 43.11 (3) (c).
4. Develop many types of literacy in the community, including digital literacy, early literacy, cultural literacy, and life skills.
5. Regularly assess the needs of library users and non-users so we can strengthen services and programs to best meet

their needs and expand on services outside of library buildings.

6. Build awareness about the diverse services we provide and promote the impact of our libraries to the community.

Reports - Crandon Library: Stephanie S. reported on the return of several projects (story hour, crafting, etc.) in an effort to get things “back to normal” yet keeping safety in mind.

Wabeno Library: Cindy L. is getting ready for the annual report.

Laona Library: no report

WVLS Library Advisory Committee and WVLS Board of Trustees are meeting at later dates.

The date for the next meeting will be April 13, at 6:00 virtually on Zoom.

Motion by Theresa and seconded by Karen to adjourn at 6:30. Motion carried.