

JOINT COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Eastern Shores Library System Office
4632 South Taylor Drive
Sheboygan, WI

August 17, 2009

Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.

Adjourned: 6:40 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Nelson, Thomas Wegner, William Goehring, Al Bosman, Michael Roth, Mary Becker, Nancy Szatkowski, Donald Dohrwardt, Sonia Lear and Amy Rachuba

ALSO PRESENT: David Weinhold, Kay Lorenz, Darla Jean Kraus, David Nimmer, Sherry Speth, Sue Karlman and Mary Marquardt

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order. Kay Lorenz reported that the agenda was posted on August 12, 2009 at 8:45 A.M. in compliance with the open meeting law.

Nancy Szatkowski made a motion to approve the July 20, 2009 minutes of the Joint County Library Planning Committee. Motion seconded by Al Bosman. Motion carried.

Chairman Nelson updated the committee that he had met with Mayor Ryan last week to discuss having a meeting with Mead Library.

David Weinhold indicated he had received an email from Ozaukee County Board Chairman Rob Brooks asking him to attend a meeting to discuss the recommendations made at the last meeting regarding reimbursement of libraries. David will forward information about the meeting to all members and encourages attendance.

David Weinhold presented information on the Town of Cedarburg as a Non-Libraried municipality and provided an overview of the current situation. A spreadsheet was distributed illustrating the impact of the change if the Town of Cedarburg remained in the joint library as well as if it was no longer part of the joint library. David recommends the committee provide a paragraph in the final plan to provide guidance as to how the county will recognize this in terms of reimbursing libraries. The Committee indicated consensus by voice vote to request that David provide a paragraph for their review.

David Weinhold presented information on the county library tax exemption. The County Library Tax Exemption allows libraried municipalities to exempt themselves from the county library tax if they support their municipal library at an amount greater than the county library tax threshold. Libraried municipalities include their support of their library in their local tax levy and should not be required to pay for the services their library provides to non-libraried residents. Wisconsin Statute 43.64 is the basis for calculating the exemption threshold.

David Weinhold presented information on funding of the bookmobile service by counties—new stop funding and vehicle replacement funding. David recommends that for the year additional stops would be added, a special appropriation of \$7,500 be made to initiate the additional service and then the actual cost of the service would be incorporated into the budget for the following year. This amount would pay for a one-hour biweekly stop. In preparation for the replacement of the vehicle, there would be funding provided by each county within the county library service appropriation for a depreciation allowance on the vehicle. This allowance is based on the vehicle's original cost and useful life. David recommends a depreciation method

be used. Nancy Szatkowski made a motion to recommend setting aside funds for the future purchase of a vehicle with each County contributing an amount based on usage. Motion seconded by Mary Becker. Discussion ensued. Nancy Szatkowski indicated she would entertain a friendly amendment to the motion including a specific dollar amount. Mary Becker made a motion to amend by adding that the Counties would contribute \$25,000 annually. The amendment to the motion was seconded by Don Dohrwardt. Amended motion carried.

Don Dohrwardt made a motion to add a mechanism to the plan through which each County could request an additional stop of the bookmobile and that the process would include the County appropriating \$7,500 per additional stop in the initial year, followed by the actual cost of the service being incorporated into the budget in subsequent years. Motion seconded by Nancy Szatkowski. Motion carried.

David reviewed other County Library Service Plan Elements. David recommends continuing the shared automation replacement appropriation based on non-librariated factors. Following discussion, there was consensus amongst the members that a recommendation is not necessary. David distributed spreadsheets illustrating examples of compensation for crossover borrowing. Following discussion, there was consensus amongst the members that a recommendation is not necessary.

David Weinhold summarized the Committee's recommendations on each of the plan elements that have been discussed thus far.

The September 21st agenda will include a review of the draft Joint County Library Plan. In October, the draft will be distributed to the media, libraries, municipalities, County Boards and other interested parties. A public hearing will be held in each county. Results of the hearings will be reviewed in November and the plan revised if necessary. Presentation to the County Boards will be in December.

Don Dohrwardt made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Nancy Szatkowski. Motion carried.

Mary Becker, Secretary

Kay Lorenz, Recording Secretary