

NOTICE OF MEETING

JOINT COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 8, 2014

5:00 P.M.

Grashorn Civic Center
84 North Lake Street
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

AGENDA

Note: Library Director Betty McCartney will be available to provide a tour of the library either at 4:30 p.m. or immediately following the meeting.

- 1) Call to Order
Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
- 2) Correspondence
 - September 2, 2014 letter from F.L. Weyenberg Library Director Linda Bendix regarding the Bookmobile
- 3) Public Input and Comments on Agenda Items/Non-Agenda Items
- 4) Approval of the Minutes of the August 11, 2014 Joint County Library Planning Committee Meeting
- 5) Elements of County Library Service Plan
 - 5.1) Other Library Services for Non-librariated Residents
 - Bookmobile Service
 - 5.2) Administering County Plan
 - 5.3) Future Reviews and Revisions of County Plan
- 6) Next Meeting's Agenda – October 13, 2014
- 7) Adjournment

Prepared by: Kay Lorenz, Recording Secretary

Approved By:
Steve Ruggieri
Committee Chairman

NOTE: The committee welcomes all visitors to listen and observe, but only committee members and those invited to speak will be permitted to speak. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to attend or participate are asked to notify the County Board Chairman/Administrator's Office at 920-459-3103 prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.

NOTE: A majority of the members of the County Board of Supervisors or of any of its committees may be present at this meeting to listen, observe and participate. If a majority of any such body is present, their presence constitutes a "meeting" under the Open Meeting Law as interpreted in *State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board*, 173 Wis. 2d 553 (1993), even though the visiting body will take no action at this meeting.

NOTE: Members of the public are invited to offer comments on topics which may or may not appear on the Agenda, and Committee members may discuss such matters, but no action may be taken by the Committee on non-Agenda topics. Individual speakers may be limited to no more than five minutes.

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JOINT COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

W.J. Niederkorn Library
Port Washington, WI

August 11, 2014

Called to Order: 5:01 P.M.

Adjourned: 6:56 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Goehring, Thomas Wegner, Brian Hoffmann, Betsy Vogel, Garrett Erickson, Elizabeth McCartney, Nanette Bulebosh, Nancy Szatkowski, Don Dohrwardt, Joe Rintelman, Jen Gerber, Steve Ruggieri, Terry Anewenter, Dan Becker

ALSO PRESENT: Kay Lorenz, Amy Birtell, Terry Hanson, Alison Ross, David Nimmer, Linda Pierschalla, Andy Lamb, Susan Potter, Lisa Haartman, Paul Onufrak

Chairman Ruggieri called the meeting to order and verified the agenda was posted on August 6, 2014 at 9:30 A.M. in compliance with the open meeting law.

Correspondence –

- July 16, 2014 email from Jen Gerber regarding the Bookmobile. Jen Gerber will defer discussion until the agenda item relating to the Bookmobile.
- Terry Anewenter provided a copy of the Freedom Weekly, volume 4, issue 4 referring to an article entitled, "Banned Books. City Shuts Down 9-Year-Old Boy's Little Library" and will be sending the boy a letter of support.

David Nimmer welcomed everyone to the W.J. Niederkorn Library.

Bill Goehring made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 Joint County Library Planning Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Nancy Szatkowski. Motion carried.

Sheboygan County Finance/IT Director Terry Hanson and Ozaukee County Finance Director Andy Lamb each provided a presentation on County Taxing Responsibility and answered questions.

Chairman Ruggieri opened discussion regarding the recommendation to continue the Bookmobile Service to non-librariated municipalities in Ozaukee and Sheboygan Counties. A lengthy discussion ensued. Amy Birtell will prepare additional information requested by the members to present at the next meeting. Due to time constraints, continued discussion on the Bookmobile will be deferred to the September meeting.

The recommendation on the method of funding the Bookmobile Service proportionately between Ozaukee and Sheboygan County, the method of funding a new bookmobile stop and the method of funding a new vehicle will be deferred to the September meeting.

Betty McCartney reviewed the Public Library Advisory Committee (PLAC) recommendations regarding the technology initiative plan:

- *Providing technology training so residents are able to use not only electronic library resources but also resources provided by the county, state and federal government, and the counties' businesses.* There was consensus amongst the Public Library Advisory Committee (PLAC) that the libraries would coordinate with the Resource Library and the System Office. The rationale is that currently, all libraries are providing technology to

residents, but the current need is to advance the skills of library staff in assisting and training residents in their use of electronic resources. Additional funding would not need to be requested.

- *Improve the EasiCat library service by providing a searching tool that would return results from the EasiCat catalog, the local library electronic information resources, the Wisconsin Digital Library, BadgerLink electronic resources and other searchable materials available to ESLS libraries.* The PLAC recommends that counties assist in the purchase and sustained funding of the software needed to offer enhanced count-wide services through EasiCat. Grant money through the Library Science and Technology Act would be applied to purchase mobile library computer stations to use in communities and non-librariated areas.
- *Funding for additional electronic materials at member libraries.* The PLAC recommends the purchase of e-content materials be fulfilled through the Resource Library contract. Currently, the Resource Library spends much of the money it receives from ESLS on non-fiction materials. The needs of the residents of Sheboygan and Ozaukee have changed the purchase of electronic materials would be a better use of that money.

Jen Gerber made a motion to accept the recommendations of the PLAC to improve the EasiCat library service by enhancing the library software. Motion seconded by Joe Rintelman. Motion carried unanimously.

The status of engaging a consultant for the purpose of assisting this committee reach its goals in a timely, efficient and accurate manner was briefly discussed. Bill Goehring reported that the Sheboygan County Corporation Counsel agrees that Sheboygan County Resolution No. 16 (2013/14) and Ozaukee County Resolution Res. 13-71 both allow for budget dollars allotted to this committee may be used to fund a consultant. Bill Goehring indicated the Eastern Shores Library System (ESLS) Board discussed this at their recent meeting and are in agreement to proceed with the consultant. **Tom Wegner made a motion to engage a consultant for the purpose of assisting the new ESLS Director prepare for the Joint Library Planning Committee Meetings, utilizing dollars budgeted specifically for this Joint Library Planning Committee.** Motion seconded by Nancy Szatkowski. Motion carried 12-2 with Jen Gerber and Nanette Bulebosh voting no.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8th from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Elkhart Lake Public Library.

Brian Hoffmann made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Joe Rintelman. Motion carried.

Thomas Wegner, Secretary

Kay Lorenz, Recording Secretary

September 2, 2014

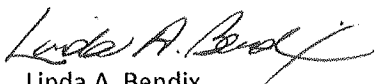
The Joint County Library Planning Committee should be aware that the issue of whether to continue bookmobile service is not an all or nothing idea. One county may continue this service at the expense of its residents without the other being involved. I recommend that Ozaukee County discontinue being involved in bookmobile service beginning in 2016 for the following reasons:

- All residents within the two counties receive library service. Too often I have heard the designation “nonlibrarianed” as if the residents to whom this designation has been applied do not have options. Any of these residents may visit and utilize any of the existing physical structure libraries in the state, not limited to those in Ozaukee and Sheboygan Counties. The oft used designation solely indicates that these residents have elected to reside in a geographic area whose residents have chosen not to create a physical library.
- Residents residing within an area without a physical library may and should petition the closest existing library to receive services in cases of special needs, such as the homebound or assisted living facilities. It is the responsibility of that library to determine how best to serve these people.
- Bookmobile service does not and cannot provide 21st century library service. The library user of today and the future looks to a physical library as a gathering or focal point for his/her community, utilizes wi-fi and electronic services which are often provided 24/7, and frequently utilizes computer services and training on-site. He or she looks for informational and cultural programming offered on a year round basis. He or she looks for reference services, typically provided by librarians specifically trained for such services and often holding an MLS degree. He/she does not utilize a library just to obtain books which is primarily what the bookmobile offers.

To continue an outdated service that heavily uses its funding for vehicle and transportation costs, is just that—a model of service decades out of date. Even if wi-fi were added, the bookmobile remains a vehicle that moves books around. It is not a library.

I urge the Committee to drop bookmobile service in Ozaukee County. I am confident that the directors and libraries within Ozaukee County are more than willing to provide alternatives, and not solely due to seeing dollar signs as has been alleged.

Thank you for your time spent serving on the Committee.



Linda A. Bendix
Director, Frank L. Weyenberg Library of Mequon-Thiensville