

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 concensus 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