

JOINT COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Plymouth Public Library
130 Division Street
Plymouth, WI

November 3, 2014

Called to Order: 6:40 P.M.

Adjourned: 7:40 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Becker, Don Dohrwardt, Jen Gerber

ALSO PRESENT: Kay Lorenz, Amy Birtell, Henry Nelson, Martha Rosche, Nicole Lynaugh, Judy Paulson

Chairman Ruggieri opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. on the Draft Plan for County Library Service in Ozaukee and Sheboygan County 2016 – 2020. Kay Lorenz reported that the agenda was posted on October 28, 2014 at 10:15 A.M. in compliance with the open meeting law.

Chairman Ruggieri introduced the Committee members and asked that visitors state their name and address prior to making comments.

Amy Birtell summarized the Committee's charge, provided some history, and outlined the Plan's recommendations.

The Committee listened to comments regarding the Plan:

Henry Nelson residing at 1926 Settlement Trail, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Henry complimented the committee on their report. He noticed the newspaper article indicated the committee was looking for comments on compensation of non-librarians fees. This has been a discussion point over time because the non-librarian areas don't reimburse the public libraries at 100%. He was pleased there is a recommendation in the report to increase the funding. He further shared he was pleased to see the report indicates a recommendation to continue the Bookmobile. He feels the Bookmobile service is important and reviewed the referendum results from several years ago when non-librarian residents voted to continue to be taxed for the Bookmobile service. He also mentioned the need to change the definition to include compensation for eContent. Each library should be compensated for the work they do.

Nichole Lynaugh, Director of the Cedar Grove Public Library, 131 Van Alstena Avenue, Cedar Grove, Wisconsin. Nicole shared positive comments about the value of the Bookmobile stop for the residents of the Town of Belgium and thanked the committee for including the recommendation to continue Bookmobile service.

Martha Rosche, Director of the Plymouth Public Library, 130 Division Street, Plymouth, Wisconsin. Martha shared comments about the value of the Bookmobile stopping at Rocky Knoll and provided some history of how Rocky Knoll received service prior to the Bookmobile stopping there. The service was split between the Plymouth and Elkhart Lake libraries. When the Bookmobile took over providing the service, the residents experienced a greater benefit because the two libraries weren't able to know what the needs and wants of the residents were. This is a service the community appreciates.

Thomas Wegner made a motion at 7:07 p.m. to recess the hearing until other citizens may arrive. Motion seconded by Joe Rintelman. Motion carried.

Joe Rintelman made a motion to reconvene the hearing at 7:39 p.m. Motion seconded by Garrett Erickson. Motion carried.

Joe Rintelman made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Brian Hoffmann. Motion carried. Chairman Ruggieri closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Thomas Wegner, Secretary

Kay Lorenz, Recording Secretary