LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

November 5, 2014
Onalaska Public Library
Operated by La Crosse County Library
741 Oak Ave South
Onalaska, WI 54650
4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Bach-Filla, Loren Caulum, Dan Ferries, Barbara Manthei, Fred Marini, Glenn Seager

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF AND GUESTS: Christine McArdle Rojo, La Crosse County Library Director

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:
President Loren Caulum called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:
MOTION by Ferries/Manthei to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
McArdle Rojo updated the Board on George Varnum and shared the news of the unexpected death of Bangor Staff member, Shari Axelsen’s Father. Board Members asked McArdle Rojo to create a document that outlines the general practice of how the Library Board will offer their sympathy to the families of Board Members and Staff as well as to Staff for the loss of family members.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
MOTION by Marini/Bach-Filla to approve the October 1, 2014 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2014 EXPENDITURES:
McArdle Rojo presented the transaction report for the November 2014 invoices that have been paid and prepared for payment. As previously requested by the Board the description label for account 65010 on the monthly report has been changed from “internal” to “external” for the costs associated with the annual audit. MOTION by Seager/Ferries to approve the November 2014 expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

2015 CALENDAR:
Board members reviewed the meeting schedule and service days calendar for 2015. Board consensus was to keep the July Library Board meeting during the holiday week on July 1st. Board members appreciated the changes made for the new calendar format. MOTION by Manthei/Bach-Filla to approve the 2015 meeting and service days calendar as revised. Motion carried unanimously.

2015 BUDGET:
As the County Board prepares to approve the 2015 budget next week, the Library Board wished to formally address the request from La Crosse’s Mayor Kabat to La Crosse County to make a $219,000 payment to the La Crosse Public Library for the use of out-county residents to city libraries. MOTION by Caulum/Marini to support the position of La Crosse County’s Executive Committee that such an agreement for payments would need to be a statutory change since there is no legal mechanism currently in place to support such reimbursement. Also, due to the existing governing authority of Library Boards in the state of Wisconsin those such requests for payments should be initiated by the La Crosse Public Library Board to the La Crosse County Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.
ONALASKA STORAGE AND LEASE AGREEMENT:
Due to continued disagreements about the location of an auxiliary storage unit and discomfort with a request for a short-term lease agreement for the unit, McArdle Rojo formally withdrew the request for the storage unit at the November Library Commission meeting. She was concerned that continued animosity over the proposed project could potentially damage existing relationships with the City of Onalaska and La Crosse County Library. Alternative means to accommodate storage for the Onalaska Library location will be considered.

2015 GOAL DISCUSSION:
McArdle Rojo asked Board members to provide input into creating an expected goals list for 2015. She will provide a summary of 2014 goals at the December meeting and Board members will adopt a 2015 goal list at the January meeting. Input included continuing to review Library Board adopted policies to help keep things clean and current. President Caulum suggested that any ideas should be forwarded to McArdle Rojo prior to the next Library Board meeting.

WINDING RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT:
President Caulum reported that the September 24th Board meeting was hosted by Strum. Electronic Board packets were introduced with mixed success. La Crosse County has vacancies on the WRLS Board. WRLS is working with Wisconsin Library Services (WiLS) on strategic planning. Marini requested information on how members can provide input into the plan and indicated the Stef Morrill from WiLS is wonderful to work with. She was assigned to La Crosse County as our Bremer L3 Mentor. The next WRLS meeting will be on Wednesday, December 3rd.

FACILITY & COMMUNITY UPDATES:
Marini reported that the Jackson Chronicle ran a story on the Friends of the Mindoro Library. McArdle Rojo shared that the Friends of the Onalaska Library have decided to end planning for a Book Festival in 2016 due to the how large the project was becoming. They do not believe they have to man power to create the event they wish it to be. She also reported that La Crosse County Library scanning days for the WRLS LSTA Digitization project have been successful at our library locations and we will be contributing over 300 scans to the project due to the amazing work of Hannah and Ruth Scholze. Board members were pleased to see the coverage of the summer reading trophy to the Bangor schools.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
2014 Goal Summary
2015 Goal Setting
Year-end account adjustments

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business, President Caulum declared the meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Approved December 3, 2014, Chris McArdle Rojo, Recorder