LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

August 3, 2016
John Bosshard Memorial Library
Operated by La Crosse County Library
1720 Henry Johns Blvd
Bangor, WI 54614
3:30 pm

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dan Ferries

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF: Shari Axeslen, Bangor Library Assistant, Christine McArdle Rojo, La Crosse County Library Director, Sherri Sinniger, West Salem Branch Manager

VISITORS: None

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER:
President Barbara Manthei called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:
MOTION by Marini/Seager to approve the July 6, 2016 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2016 EXPENDITURES:
McArdle Rojo shared the report for items paid or prepared for payment to date. MOTION by Johnston/Caulum to approve the August 2016 expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING FIREWALLS AND NETWORKS:
McArdle Rojo indicated that locations are still suffering from network speed issues. County IT continues to monitor the issues and believes that the brand of firewalls currently in place at each location do not manage well the amount of network traffic with the amount of security software needed. They believe upgrading to Cisco brand firewalls will alleviate many of the issues. As the replacements are not budgeted for 2016 the Library Board would need to consider utilizing fund balance or postponing replacement until 2017. Due to daily reliance on the firewalls McArdle Rojo requested that the Board consider purchasing replacements now for at least Holmen, Onalaska and West Salem where the speed is most affected and use 2017 budget dollars to replace Bangor and Campbell. Although supportive, Library Board members would like some assurance that this plan will solve the bulk of the issues. At this time County IT does believe there would be significant improvements and regardless, all devices are coming to end of life and are slated to be replaced in 2017. This action would merely move up the replacement to be more immediate to solve these critical speed issues sooner rather than later. McArdle Rojo also reported that we have an affordable opportunity to move to fiber service at our West Salem location. Comparable service at other locations remains unaffordable but a local provider is offering service at West Salem for $250/month which is relatively equal to the existing plans to utilize 2 DSL service lines from Charter to help continue to improve speed and bandwidth. MOTION by Manthei/Marini to pay the costs from fund balance dollars to replace firewalls in Holmen, Onalaska and West Salem yet in 2016 and to shift data services in West Salem to fiber at a cost of $250/month. Replacement firewalls for Bangor and Campbell will be budgeted for 2017 as previously planned. Motion carried unanimously.
2017 BUDGET UPDATE:
McArdle Rojo shared budget documents outlining 2017 requests including staffing changes to increase service hours in Bangor and West Salem. Working numbers also include initial estimates for adding Sunday hours to Onalaska. McArdle Rojo remains concerned that planning for Sunday hours is still incomplete. There are still many unanswered questions about the full impact on staffing for Sundays, staff morale and sufficient planning. She admitted she does not believe she can implement the service for 2017 without first completing significant planning and identifying the other priority service needs for the operation. President Manthei concluded that the discussion was helpful and planning and further discussion should continue to move forward even if not for 2017 implementation. McArdle Rojo reported that she would be meeting with the County’s Finance Team on August 16th to determine what moves forward in the budget process for 2017.

WRLS REPORT:
Caulum provided an update from the July 27th WRLS Board meeting in Necedah. He shared that WRLS Director Kristen Anderson reported that there is a delay with negotiations with La Crosse Public Library and the 2017 Resource Library contract. WRLS has provided their annual wage recommendation report and have developed a new logo that is beginning to be introduced. Staff from WRLS and other member libraries, including La Crosse County Library, will be serving as volunteers at Ashley for the Arts. WRLS introduced their new IT Manager and continue to participate in the State’s Public Library System Revision committee.

FACILITY & COMMUNITY UPDATES:
A report was included in the packet. Marini reported Farmington still awaits results from the school district survey. McArdle Rojo shared that she has been asked to serve as a mentor for the next L3 Bremer cycle planned for SE Minnesota and will attending a training session in September.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
2017 Budget Update
County Administrator Q/A

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

DISCLAIMER:
The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Minutes by Chris McArdle Rojo, Recorder