LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

Monday August 13, 2018
Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library
Operated by La Crosse County Library
201 Neshonoc Rd
West Salem, WI  54669

MEMBERS PRESENT: May Bach, Dan Ferries, Barbara Manthei, Darcy Maxwell and Glenn Seager

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Steve Johnston & Fred Marini

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIBRARY STAFF: Christine McArdle Rojo, Library Director and Ruth Scholze, Holmen Library

GUESTS: None

ROLL CALL
President Manthei called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
President Manthei shared a calendar of library events from Shawano County Library as an idea we could use. Vice President Bach assisted in arranging the Read to Rover program with Coulee Region Humane Society. Sign-up is slow for the August sessions but Staff will continue to promote the program and in the future it may be more successful at another time of year.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
MOTION by Ferries/Bach to approve the July 9, 2018 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2018 EXPENDITURES
McArdle Rojo reviewed the reports provided in the packets. MOTION by Maxwell/Seager to approve the August 2018 expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously

2019 BUDGET
McArdle Rojo indicated that the budget request would be reviewed by the County’s Budget Team at an August 14th meeting. The draft presented does not yet include any potential changes to 2019 staffing and indirect costs have not yet been finalized. Following the meeting, the Library Board would take formal action to support the request at the September meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD BY-LAWS
Vice-President Bach addressed additional changes to keep the document more consistent and clarify wording. McArdle Rojo will forward a corrected copy to Board members in anticipation for approval in September.
LEAVE A LEGACY
McArdle Rojo requested input from the Board on the format for the 2018 fundraiser. Discussion included repeating the 2017 format with a year-end giving campaign throughout December with donation displays at each location up during that time as well. There is still hope the fundraiser could be expanded in the future to allow more attention to each location yet create a fair process. Suggestions included a progressive event that provided transportation to each location and included different entertainment at each library.

WINDING RIVERS BOARD UPDATE
President Manthei shared that the meeting was held at Kendall. The community has just doubled the size of their library. It’s nice to visit the other libraries within WRLS. The Board reviewed the latest information on restructuring the State’s library systems.

CHAPTER 43 and LIBRARY TRUSTEE MANUAL REVIEW
McArdle Rojo reviewed Statute 43.15 and Chapter 4 of the Trustee Manual on Effective Board Meetings and Trustee Participation. The chapter made reference to continuing education so the information for the annual Wisconsin Library Trustees Training Week was shared with details on how to access archived material. McArdle Rojo also reminded Board members that there is conference money to attend the Wisconsin Library Association’s conference which will be held in La Crosse on October 23rd to the 26th. According to the Association this will be the last conference held in La Crosse so is a convenient opportunity to attend.

FACILITY & COMMUNITY UPDATE
A report was distributed with the packets and now includes monthly statistics for each location. Board members noted that for the past two months there has been no report from the Onalaska Public Library and would like that rectified. Campbell welcomed students from Summit Elementary during summer school and McArdle Rojo shared information about the S’mores Day amnesty activity hosted on August 10th.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Nothing noted

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, President Manthei declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Minutes approved as written September 10, 2018. Ruth Scholze, Recorder