LA CROSSE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
Monday December 10, 2018
Onalaska Public Library
Operated by La Crosse County Library
741 Oak Avenue South
Onalaska, WI  54650

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Bach, Dan Ferries, Barbara Manthei, Fred Marini and Darcy Maxwell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Glenn Seager

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vacancy

LIBRARY STAFF: Christine McArdle Rojo, Library Director; Ruth Scholze, Holmen Library; Sherri Sinniger
Onalaska Library Branch Manager

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: On behalf of the Bangor Lion’s Club, Vice-President Bach presented a $500 donation for use at the Bangor location.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
MOTION by Marini/Ferries to approve the November 12, 2018 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF December 2018 EXPENDITURES
McArdle Rojo invited questions or clarifications of the reports included in the packet. MOTION by Bach/Maxwell to approve the December 2018 expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously

STRATEGIC PLANNING
President Manthei and Vice-President Bach will host the final public focus group in Onalaska following the meeting. Although some initial items have been completed from the goals of the working document, there is much more to accomplish. The next step is to provide a mechanism for Staff to provide input with the hopes of a completed summary provided in early spring.

TEACHER/CAREGIVER CARDS
A number of libraries within Winding Rivers are in the process or have implemented a special category library card for teachers and caregivers. Discussion included considerations for extended check-out periods for print materials for teacher/caregiver groups and continued discussion on fines. Winding Rivers System Members will discuss the topic at their next meeting and the Library Board will continue to monitor fine related policy practices in the Region.
**2019 MEETING CALENDAR**
Board members agreed to keep the standing meeting time of the second Monday of each month at 3:30 pm but would resume discussions on potential changes if it impacted new board members as they are appointed.

**FACILITY & COMMUNITY UPDATE**
The packet included a facility report and the November statistics. Bach shared that 107 kids visited Santa at the library and the bake sale was a great success raising $378.96 for the Bangor library. Marini reported that the new owners of the elementary school in Mindoro would like to see a library as a potential anchor tenant in their renovation project which would also include housing. The Board thanked Fred for his continued years of service to the Library and he responded in kind. Board members recognized the end of Glenn Seager’s appointment as well and will recognize both at the May Awards Ceremony.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- Evaluation form
- Educator/Caregiver cards
- Focus Group Summaries
- County Plan

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business, President Manthei declared the meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.

Minutes approved as written January 14, 2019. Ruth Scholze, Recorder