

Outagamie Waupaca Library System
Board of Trustees
February 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Gilbert at the New London Public Library.

PRESENT: Will Bloedow, Bobbie Buchholtz, Terry Dawson, Carol Diehl, Peter Gilbert, Paul Girod, Nicole Lemke, Bill Morien, Theresa Rechner, John Signoretti, Marcia Trentlage.

EXCUSED: Patricia Craig, Linda Hagen, Eunice Lawrence.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Krumwiede.

Bloedow moved, seconded by Diehl, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2013 meeting. Motion carried. Girod moved, seconded by Morien, to approve checks numbered 26067-26108, inclusive, in the amount of \$90,216.64 and 1/13/13-2/9/13 payroll-related expenditures in the amount of \$67,763.45. Motion carried. Dawson moved, seconded by Buchholtz, to approve the January 2013 financial report. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Village of Hortonville passed a referendum that will result in construction of a new municipal complex that will include a library. The library's space will expand from 1800 sq. ft. to 4800 sq. ft., excluding shared meeting room space. The Governor's budget recommends approval of requested increases in Newsline for the Blind, BadgerLink, and Library Service Contracts. However, he did not recommend increasing Public Library System Aids. While the statutory index level for library system aids is 13% of local and county expenditures for library services, it is estimated that if the Governor's recommendation is adopted the index level will drop to 6.7% during the next biennium. Dawson, Krumwiede, and delegations from three member libraries attended Library Legislative Day on February 5th in Madison.

Krumwiede reported on a process begun by the library system and resource library administrators group (SRLAAW) to keep systems strong in the future, including through the possibility reconfiguring the current systems. Krumwiede, Colleen Rortvedt, and Rebecca Buchmann represented OWLS at a retreat as part of this process. A committee will identify themes and best practices that emerged at the retreat and through surveys, and they will craft them into recommendations for discussion by the wider library community.

Bandwidth upgrades through the TEACH Wisconsin program have been scheduled for 11 OWLSnet libraries to bring them up to 3.0 mbps. The Clintonville Public Library has begun advertising for a new director. Kathy Mitchell is retiring on July 1st, and the library board hopes to have a new director start by June 17th.

The state has only received about half of the federal LSTA funding it was expecting for 2013. Consequently, some grants will not be awarded, some applicants will be receiving partial awards, and some awards will be delayed until all the expected funding is received. OWLS has received partial awards for its system technology and digital buying pool grants. The award for service desk hearing loops at member libraries has been delayed.

Krumwiede reported on a number of continuing education activities including: Pinterest for Libraries, Library Service for Patrons with Autism Spectrum Disorders, CCBC Great New Books for Children and Teens, Bus Tour of Madison Area Libraries, Futurist Garry Golden, and the ALA bus trip. Several 2012 annual statistical reports were distributed and discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Gilbert reported on the February 5th Kaukauna Public Library Board meeting. The Kaukauna Board reaffirmed its earlier decision to discontinue service to Brown County residents. Krumwiede reported that a number of area Legislators have expressed some interest in changing the law so that counties operating consolidated county libraries would no longer be exempt from having to pay their neighboring libraries for service.

NEW BUSINESS

The Menominee Tribal/County Library has merged with the College of Menominee Nation library. Consequently, OWLS has been notified that the library will no longer be participating in OWLSnet. Gerri Moeller has worked with the library to provide them with their records. While some additional work may be necessary, it's not likely that OWLS will experience any out-of-pocket costs related to terminating the library's membership in OWLSnet. Trentlage moved, seconded by Lemke, to formally terminate the OWLSnet membership agreement with the Menominee Tribal/County Library. Motion carried.

Krumwiede recommended the following revisions to the 2013 budget.

	2013 Budget 09/20/12	2013 Budget 02/21/13	Change	% Change
Income				
Printing Income	\$7,500.00	\$4,000.00	(\$3,500.00)	-46.7%
Miscellaneous Income	\$36,851.00	\$46,851.00	\$10,000.00	27.1%
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$65,000.00	\$78,000.00	\$13,000.00	20.0%
Expenditures				
375-11 Statewide Projects	\$47,564.00	\$57,564.00	\$10,000.00	21.0%
313-05 Telecommunications	\$105,000.00	\$100,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	-4.8%
349-05 Enhanced Content	\$43,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$2,000.00	4.7%
354-05 System Maintenance	\$120,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$10,000.00	8.3%
324-10 CE Program Expenses	\$7,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$2,000.00	28.6%
326-10 CE Scholarships	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$500.00	9.1%

Diehl moved, seconded by Buchholtz, to revise the 2013 budget as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by President Gilbert at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Rechner
Secretary/Treasurer