

Outagamie Waupaca Library System
Board of Trustees
July 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Gilbert at the New London Public Library.

PRESENT: Will Bloedow, Bobbie Buchholtz, Patricia Craig, Terry Dawson, Peter Gilbert, Paul Girod, Eunice Lawrence, Nicole Lemke, Bill Morien, Theresa Rechner, Marcia Trentlage.

EXCUSED: Carol Diehl, Linda Hagen, John Signoretti.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Allen, Marilyn Herman, Rick Krumwiede.

Marilyn Herman and Chris Allen were introduced to the board members. Herman lives in Bear Creek and is a potential Waupaca County representative on the board. Allen is Vice-President of The Business Bank. Gilbert asked if there were any objections to changing the order of business to consider the proposal to change banks first. There were none.

OWLS is considering changing its primary bank from Chase to The Business Bank. Chris Allen provided a brief introduction to The Business Bank. Because it is locally owned and managed it can offer more flexibility and better rates. An analysis of three months of banking activity conducted by Allen found that we could significantly improve our investment yield. In addition, our funds would be fully collateralized. Allen answered a number of questions about The Business Bank and the process of changing banks. Craig moved, seconded by Bloedow, to change the primary bank relationship from JP Morgan Chase to The Business Bank. Motion carried, with Rechner respectfully abstaining.

Trentlage moved, seconded by Lawrence, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2013 meeting. Motion carried. Bloedow moved, seconded by Lemke, to approve checks numbered 26315-26363, inclusive, in the amount of \$82,238.48 and 6/16/13-7/13/13 payroll-related expenditures in the amount of \$65,906.43. Motion carried. Morien moved, seconded by Dawson, to approve the June 2013 financial report. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Governor Walker vetoed from the budget the Joint Finance Committee motion calling for the Department of Administration to conduct a study of public library systems. The Governor stated that the study is unnecessary and that DPI has the ability to conduct a study without legislative directive. On a related issue, the subcommittee of the system and resource library directors group (SRLAAW) has finished collecting and reviewing feedback regarding its preliminary report and recommendations. Krumwiede gave a preview of how the report and recommendations are likely to change as a result of the feedback.

Krumwiede reported that OWLS is investigating the possibility of joining the Appleton Area Municipal Fiber Optics Network. This type of connection has the potential to greatly increase internet bandwidth for very little additional cost, assuming that WiscNet continues to function as the primary internet service provider for schools and libraries.

OLD BUSINESS

Krumwiede provided a update on the inter-county billing dispute. After conferring with the Outagamie County Executive's office, he did not send the net services proposal to Brown County Library. However, a bill for 2012 service was sent to Brown County on behalf of Outagamie County Libraries. Rep. Dave Murphy is now seeking co-sponsors for legislation that would remedy the inequitable situation of counties operating consolidated county libraries not having to pay libraries in adjacent counties for service. The Outagamie County Board has passed a resolution authorizing the County's lobbyist to work for legislation that would remedy the unfair situation with Brown County.

Gilbert reported that the Personnel Committee would be meeting on July 25 to review applications and plan for interviews. It is anticipated that there will be telephone interviews followed by in-person interviews at a later date.

At the April meeting, there was consensus that OWLS should attempt to update its intersystem agreement with the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System (MCLS). Specifically, the reimbursement formula referenced in the agreement can result in Calumet County paying OWLS an amount greater than the actual cost of providing service. The MCLS Board was receptive to revising the agreement, and a revision was drafted that would limit any reimbursement from exceeding actual costs. Lemke moved, seconded by Trentlage, to approve the revised Intersystem Borrowing Agreement between the Outagamie Waupaca Library System and the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System as presented at the meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bloedow moved, seconded by Lawrence, to approve Evan Bend's attendance at Digipalooza in Cleveland, Ohio from August 1-4. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by President Gilbert at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Rechner
Secretary/Treasurer