

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023
OCONTO COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE
LAKES COUNTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY 15235 STATE HIGHWAY 32, LAKEWOOD, WI 54138
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(Draft minutes, not approved by Committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Debra Schroeder, Farnsworth Public Library Rep; Dawn Byars, Gillett Public Library Rep; Kathleen Marsh, Lakes Country Library Rep; Susan Mogged, Oconto Falls Library Rep; Joan Denis, Nicolet Federated Library Systems Board Rep; Al Sleeter, Administration Committee Rep; David Parmentier, County Board Supervisor Rep; LoAnn Elbe, Suring Library Rep

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Judy Patenaude, Lena Public Library Rep; Chris Augustine, County Board Supervisor Rep; Vicki Gooding, Library Services Board Rep

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Pritzl, County Administrator; Kim Pytleski, County Clerk; Amy Peterson, Farnsworth Public Library; Katie Essermann, Lakes Country Library; Lori Repinski, Lakes Public Library; Linda McKenna, Lakes Public Library; Rachel Pascoe, Oconto Falls Library; Jill Trochta, Suring Area Public Library; April De La Ruelle, Lena Public Library; Tom Thielke, Lakes Public Library Building Expansion Committee Co-Chair

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Schroeder called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and those in attendance offered introductions.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Change of Sequence

2.2. Removal of Items

Parmentier/Byars to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. Communications

Pritzl shared a photo memory that popped up on his phone. When his daughter got her driver's license she chose the local library as her first destination with her little sister!

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Proceedings

Motion by Sleeter/Parmentier to approve the June minutes. The motion was voted on and carried.

Motion by Marsh/Byars to approve the July minutes. The motion was voted on and carried.

5. Discussion of 2025-2029 Library Service Plan

- Pritzl started with review of circulation data (physical checkouts and renewals) by library and by municipality (handout is on file in the County Clerk's Office). Discussion followed.
- Discussion of Little Suamico building acquisition option.
- Discussion of taxing models and funding distribution.
- Discussion of different library model feasibility.
- Discussion of cost control/budget increase. Unrepresented municipalities do not have the same control over library costs or budget increases as municipalities in a joint agreement.
- Discussion of position creation under a consolidated system.
- Discussion of building ownership, local control, and written lease agreements.
- Discussion of municipalities' ability to budget funds to local libraries in addition to joint agreements or county apportionment.
- Group requests a one page handout to be brought to the next meeting of the following options:
 - County creates a consolidated system with a new branch for unserved municipalities (pink) only.
 - County creates a consolidated system with unserved municipalities (pink) and acquires an existing branch(s).
 - Full consolidation model.
 - Joint libraries across the county.
- Pritzl distributed memo from Shannon Schultz, DPI (handout is on file in the County Clerk's Office).

5.1. Feasibility of Creating a Library to Serve Municipalities Without a Library

5.2. Feasibility of Creating a Consolidated County Library System

5.3. Funding Formula in Current Structure

6. Identify Future Agenda Items

- Number of checkouts from the Brown County Library System broken down by location?

7. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken) – None.

8. Select a Date/Location for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Farnsworth Public Library
715 Main Street, Oconto, WI 54153.

9. Adjournment

Schroeder declared the meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Kim Pytleski, Recorder

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