

ONEIDA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Unapproved minutes of meeting held on February 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Oneida County Library Board was called to order by President Elmer Goetsch at 1:35 p.m. on February 9, 2012 in Committee Room 1 of the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting was properly noticed and located according to law.

Present were OCLB members Elmer Goetsch, Janet Baer, Marlene Kerkes, Mary Schoeneck and Carol Pederson; OCLB members Romelle Vandervest and Dianna Blicharz were absent. Also present were library directors Janet Dixon (EUDL), Mary Taylor (MPL) and Ed Hughes (RDL), WVLS Board of Trustee member Paul Knuth and WVLS Consultant Kris Adams-Wendt.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Kerkes, seconded Pederson to approve the agenda as published.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: Baer made the following corrections to the minutes of the OCLB meeting held on October 20, 2011: The spelling of Wayne Weigand's name (not Wegand); and, the proposed budget figure for E.U. Demmer Library, Three Lakes is \$42,642.00 (not the amount of \$42,814 as printed in the minutes. **Motion by Baer, seconded by Schoeneck to approve as corrected, the minutes of the OCLB meeting of February 9, 2012.** All voted aye. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Minocqua Public Library: Director Taylor indicated she has been working on the annual report and Summer Library Program scheduling. Current programming consists of a Lego Club; Held three very successful e-reader workshops. On Tuesday, Feb 21 at 2 p.m. Todd Jahnke of the Wausau Barnes & Noble store will present a workshop "All about your NOOK (B&N e-readers)". Staff will help with the "Overdrive" portion. There are now three book groups. Due to popular demand they're starting a new book group that will read and discuss non-fiction titles starting on Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. Preschool Story Time returns for the winter/spring session on Wednesday, January 11 and on Friday, January 12 at 10 a.m. the gym will be open for an hour of active play for kids 6 years and younger and their families. On Wednesday, February 22 at 2 p.m., Laura Erickson, host of the popular radio spot "For the Birds" will discuss birds, birding and her latest book, *Twelve Owls*. Circs are fine; they are pretty busy in terms of the overdrive circs --did 333 in January. They are looking at adding an additional hour to the Friday schedule.

Rhineland District Library: Director Hughes reports they are looking for ways to more effectively use the space they have. The Mead-Witter grant will be spent on furniture for the library; the couch in front of the fireplace will be replaced by comfortable chairs. Hughes has completed the annual report; numbers are slightly down from last year. Requesting a training/strategic planning day in February or March—safety training that they didn't get to. Consideration is being given capital fundraiser goals. When looking at numbers, it looks they could afford a vehicle for the same money they reimburse the staff, if they get a gift vehicle. One large concern is staff using their own vehicles. Arrangements are pending for a "candidates forum" for county supervisor candidates. The project consisting of insulating the attic and a new roof is complete, mostly paid through donations.

E.U. Demmer Library: Director Dixon listed highlights of the annual report: Circulation is up 6% from the previous year, net increase of over 300 borrows and, statistics for June through December were generated by the new PC timing software, the other half by weekly surveys. Adult services is planning several basic computer skills classes to be offered free at the library during daytime hours in March. There are new practice sites linked onto their web page so folks can learn very basic skills before they attend the classes. National Library Week will be celebrated in April with a traveling exhibit of western artist Frederic Remington, chili cook-off and prizes throughout the week. The library has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from Mead-Witter to be used for furniture in public areas. Focus will be on soft seating with attached swing-away tables for laptop users as well as privacy carrels. They are working with architects to assess the current physical state of the library. A previous ADA study will also be incorporated in the report. This data will aid the Board in determining strategic space planning and renovation of the library. The library board will be sponsoring a candidates forum on March 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for the town board and school board.

WVLS: Paul Knuth was present to answer questions on the WVLS Board Meetings of November 12, 2011 and January 21, 2012. A printed report of each meeting was presented the board members and is attached.

Legislative: Library Legislative Day is on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. Adams-Wendt asked that the board contact Senator Holperin and Representative Meyer expressing concern with SB 375/AB473. The bills have been introduced to delay changes to WiscNet. They postpone the WiscNet expiration date from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014. WiscNet is a non-profit, membership-based association of public and private organizations that provides low cost access to communication technologies for education, research, and public service entities such as schools, libraries and hospitals.

Also support future legislation allowing libraries to disclose library records when they request assistance of law enforcement or contract with an outside party to retrieve lost or stolen library property. Support the following library funding in the future: Continued use of the Common School Fund for its originally intended purpose; for library-related programs and institutions (public library system aids, BadgerLink, Newline for the Blind, statewide library resource contracts); UW System libraries to enable them to support research and advanced study; the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and, the Wisconsin State Law Library, the Milwaukee County and Dane County Legal Resources libraries.

FINANCE & BUDGET

Director Vouchers and Mileage Payments: Motion by Pederson, seconded by Baer to approve payment of the travel vouchers for library directors Dixon and Taylor. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2011 Budget Status: No action.

2012 Payments to libraries: Motion by Pederson, seconded by Schoeneck to approve payments to libraries for the amounts of the approved budget. All voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to OCLB and WVLS: President Goetsch stated that Schoeneck, Kerkes and Blicharz were re-appointed to the library board at a meeting of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors on November 15, 2011.

Election of Library Board Officers: Moved by Baer, seconded by Pederson to re-elect the present incumbents in their position. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the OCLB is tentatively set for Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in Committee Room 1.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, President Goetsch declared the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Marlene Kerkes
Vice President

February 14, 2012