

ONEIDA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
Approved minutes of meeting held on March 6, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Oneida County Library Board was called to order by Acting Board Chairperson/Vice President, Marlene Kerkes at 1:30 p.m. on March 6, 2014 in Committee Room #1, Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting was properly noticed and located according to law.

Present were board members Ken Klein, Carol Pederson, Marlene Kerkes, Mary Schoeneck, Dianna Blicharz and Pat Pechura; also Library Directors Mary Taylor (MPL), Janet Dixon (EUDL), Ed Hughes (RPL), Kris Adams Wendt and Paul Knuth, WVLS. Board member Romelle Vandervest was absent.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Schoeneck, seconded by Pederson to approve agenda as posted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Klein, seconded by Pechura to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 21, 2013. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS; A roll call vote was taken to elect Ken Klein President, Mary Schoeneck Vice President/Recording Secretary and Pat Pechura Treasurer. Votes were: Klein – aye, Pederson – aye, Kerkes – aye, Schoeneck – aye, Blicharz – aye and Pechura – aye.

REPORTS:

Minocqua Public Library: January 2014 was the one year anniversary of the Sierra ILS conversion. It is still a work in progress and there is some frustration regarding the program's lack of intuitiveness. ♦2013 circulation was down by 2.73% which is partially due to the change in loan period for most of the collection to 21 days. ♦January, 2014 set a circulation record at 13,978 items. ♦Programs continue to be well attended. ♦A self checkout station will be installed in late February. ♦Project WIN continues to move forward.

Rhineland District Library: The building project is still in the planning stages. ♦A self-check machine has been installed. ♦A public fax machine is now available for \$1/pg. ♦2013 circulation is down by 7%, mostly at the beginning of the year. ♦Saturday hours were shortened during the winter due to a budget shortfall. ♦A new battery power back-up was purchased. ♦The circulation period on adult fiction has been shortened to three weeks. ♦JW-Extension staff trained the staff on tablets. ♦Chrome books purchase for trustees is proceeding.

Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library: 2013 circulation was down 3.5%. Statewide circulation was down 7%. ♦New patron registrations are up compared to last year. ♦Approximately \$725,000 has been pledged or donated towards the goal of \$2.6 million for the building renovation project. Fundraising, community education, contacting corporations and submitting grant applications continues. ♦At no cost increase to the library, the library's broadband capability will increase from 3 mpbs to 10 mpbs through the federal E-rate program. Fiber installation will begin in April and is expected to be completed by November, 2014.

WVLS and Legislative: A written report of the January 18, 2014 meeting was submitted by Pat Pechura and is attached. Wendt gave an update on AB 288/SB 397 regarding cross border borrowing payments between consolidated library counties and adjacent counties, which had its origins in a dispute between Brown and Outagamie Counties. The legislation was amended to reflect compromise language brokered by the Wisconsin Library Association, passed both houses of the legislature and has been sent to the Governor's desk where it is expected to be signed. Another bill (AB 797) was introduced in response to Brown County's 2012 decision to begin requesting cross border payments from its neighboring counties, but attracted few co-sponsors and is unlikely to gain any traction given the few floor periods scheduled by both houses the remaining weeks of the session. It was also noted that Project WIN exploration committees are almost ready to release their reports. More information is at <http://librarieswin.org/> The three northern library systems (WVLS, NWLS, IFLS) are envisioning a shared electronic catalog, but a merger of the systems themselves is not being discussed.

2014 BUDGET REQUEST:

A motion was made by Schoeneck, seconded by Pechura to approve the final 2014 budget requests. All voted aye. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND BUDGET:

(a) Approve Library Directors' vouchers and mileage. Motion made by Pechura, seconded by Pederson to approve the library directors' vouchers and mileage as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

(b) Approve payment to out of county libraries in the amount of \$54,821. Motion made by Schoeneck, seconded by Blicharz to approve the \$54,821 payment to out of county libraries as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

(c) Approve payment to county libraries in the amount of \$348,200. Motion made by Pechura, seconded by Klein to approve the \$348,200 payment to county libraries as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date is set for April 10, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Schoeneck, seconded by Pederson to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Pat Pechura, Treasurer