

Bridges Library System Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2017

PRESENT: Dick Nawrocki, Larry Nelson, Howard Pringle, Linda Ager, Jim Heinrich, Marion Onesti, Rose Sura, Dwayne Morris, Jean Yeomans, John Rhiel

ABSENT: Betty Scanlon

EX OFFICIO: Connie Meyer, Library System Director, Grant Lynch, Director Waukesha Public Library, Resource Library Representative and Betsy Bleck, Director Oconomowoc Public Library and APL Representative.

OTHERS: Meg Henke, Library System Administrative Specialist

Dick Nawrocki, the Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Bridges Library System Office. There were no comments from the public nor any correspondence.

A minutes correction was noted by Marion Onesti for the closed session portion of the December meeting. An acknowledgement of the correction was noted and the minutes will be updated accordingly. An Onesti/Heinrich motion to approve the minutes with correction as noted for the December 2016 meeting passed unanimously.

ACTION ON THE BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills Report: A Heinrich/Pringle motion to approve payment of the monthly bill lists (2016 YE and January 2017) passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Connie Meyer reported that 2016 books are not yet closed. We may have some invoices yet for February meeting. Fund 210 and 215 are under expended as a result of delivery contract savings and staff hire timelines. Café Fund 215 has a built in reserve for future hardware needs. 2017 Budget will have less under-expenditure. A Yeomans/Heinrich motion to receive and file the financial report passed unanimously.

REPORTS

APL Representative's Report: Betsy Bleck reported that the APL representative schedule has been finalized and is a part of your meeting packet. The APL 2017 elected officers are President - Leann Lehner, Director Jefferson Public Library, Vice President – Barbara Draeger, Director New Berlin Public Library and Secretary – Angie Zimmerman, Director Mukwonago Community Library. 2017 Library Innovation & Improvement Grant guidelines/process draft was presented to APL. A discussion took place on how everyone felt about doing a coordinated fine forgiveness. It was suggested that the concept be brought to library boards to see if they'd be interested at all and then come back and plan something as a system for the future. Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) bylaw revisions were discussed. Connie drafted a memo for recommendations to WPLC for changes relative to voting, committee relationships, tie votes,

and group dissolution. There were some minor suggestions for change in the letter by APL members and the consensus was to send a revised version to WPLC. APL form of organization was discussed and an ad hoc committee was formed to look at the document in light of the change that has happened with a two county library system.

Resource Library Report: Grant Lynch shared that he has been meeting with non-profit foundations and fund raising organizations in search of endowment money for Waukesha Public Library. He estimates it will take 24 to 36 months to get a group formed and in place to create opportunities for funding. A \$70,000 furniture capital improvement fund has been approved.

Bridges Staff Report: Meg Henke provided an update that the fiber line placement is in progress and we hope to be up and running on fiber in the next month or so.

Bridges Director's Report

Act 150 Committee: Connie Meyer reported that the Act 150 committee will meet this Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Pewaukee Public Library. The committee is in the final stages of the process. At the upcoming meeting the discussion will focus on the funding formula. There may be a request to change the ILL portion of the formula to use better measures and credit for shared materials. The remaining aspects of the formula are well accepted. The collection part of the formula may be changed to incorporate a small request for project funding share when the project offers efficiencies to Waukesha County libraries, in alignment with Waukesha county LEAN concepts and where ROI can be demonstrated.

LD&L: Connie, along with other members of the LD&L committee, have been working diligently over the past months to build relationships with legislators and illustrate the need for a state aid increase of ~10% in the next biennial budget. In 2011 budgets were cut by 10% and have never recovered from that cut. Library Legislative Day is Tuesday, February 21. The budget will be a key topic for that day. Three main areas of focus to demonstrate the need for increased funding are: 1) jobs; workforce development, 2) life-long learning; early literacy, memory café, GALE Courses and 3) broadband access. Board members are welcome to attend the legislative day in Madison. Contact Meg to arrange carpooling and register.

ALS Café Demo: We have been selected as one of several library systems to demo features and functionality of our ILS on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 to representatives and members of the Arrowhead Library System at Hedberg Public Library in Janesville. Connie Meyer, Mellanie Mercier, Shawn Carlson and Beth Bechtel will be presenting the demo.

DISCUSSION

Election of Officers: Linda Ager of the Nominating Committee reported that all current officers are willing to retain the positions. Dick Nawrocki as Board President, Rose Sura as Vice President and John Rhiel as Secretary. A Yeomans/Morris motion to elect officers as presented was made. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Bridges Library System Office.**

At 7:05 p.m. an Onesti/Ager motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:

Meg Henke
Administrative Specialist

Respectfully Submitted:

John Rhiel
Board Secretary