

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 – 2:00 P.M.
OCONTO COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD
GILLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY
200 E MAIN STREET
GILLETT, WI 54124
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(Draft minutes, not yet approved)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Gooding, at Large ; LoAnn Elbe, Suring Library; Susan Mogged, Oconto Falls Library; Debra Schroeder, Farnsworth Public Library; Alan Sleeter, Oconto County Board of Supervisors Chair; Judy Patenaude, Lena Public Library; Joan Denis, Nicolet Federated Library Board Representative

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Emily Miller, Oconto School District

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Pritzl, County Administrator; Amy Peterson, Farnsworth Public Library; April de la Ruelle, Lena Public Library; Rachel Pascoe, Oconto Falls Library; Shannon Nichola Stoner, Gillett Public; Library; Jill Trochta, Suring Public Library; Jean Grosse, Suring Public Library

TIME MEETING BEGAN: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Gooding

1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. CHANGE OF SEQUENCE – None

B. REMOVAL OF ITEMS – None.

Motion by Elbe/Sleeter to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD April 10, 2023

Discussion noted the incorrect spelling of Jill Trochta in the minutes from July 12, 2023. Motion by Elbe/Patenaude to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held July 12, 2023 as corrected. Motion carried.

4. OPEN FORUM

No open items.

5. COMMUNICATIONS - None

6. COUNTY LIBRARY REPORTS

Verbal report given by Oconto Falls (Pascoe) included a presentation to the Oconto Falls City Council by Pascoe/Pritzl, a bike rack has been installed at the library; sewing class was held; craft supply exchange this week; bilingual story time held; staff member received an award; Public Health is providing masks for cold/flu prevention. Verbal report by Lena (de la Ruelle) included a kiddie carnival for summer reading program wrap up; adult spelling bee was held; fire survival program being held; budget was approved at the last meeting; sign language story time; approved for library innovation grant. Verbal report by Gillet (Nichola-Stoner) included social club on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 12 p.m.; partnership with the Green Bay Children's Museum for passes; WI Science Festival; Library Director boot camp attendance in October; Harvest Days participation; coffee with a cop and coffee with a vet. Verbal report by Suring (Trochta) included showing movies; maker Mondays; library group going to STEM night at school; gingerbread contest coming up; grants to purchase launch pads; silent auction by Friends group; expanding Wonder Book collection; Bug Tussel classes at the library; looking for performers for the summer program in 2024. Verbal report by Oconto (Peterson) included a book sale held during Harvest Fest; distributed eclipse glasses last week; trick or treating coming up on 10/28; Santa on 12/5; evening Christmas story times in December; Green Bay Children's Museum partnership and Lena (de la Ruelle) and Oconto (Peterson) Libraries. All libraries reporting on activities, and also noted they are mask distribution sites (recent wildfire smoke issues) and cooling centers.

7. County Administrator Report

7.1. Library Funding Workgroup Discussion Final amount for library services is \$618,085. This includes \$457,036 for Oconto County libraries, and \$157,049 for payments to other libraries (Brown County). This is a 2.4% increase in funding for county libraries, and a 17.8% increase in payments to other libraries.

7.2. Library Planning Committee for 2025-2029

Library Planning Committee last met on October 4, 2023. Discussion has focused on the funding and structure of the library system. No decisions or recommendations for review with the Library Services Board at this time, but likely at the next meeting. Discussion followed on going to the municipalities that govern libraries or where they are housed using same format as Oconto Falls for a planning update. Noted the municipal meetings of Gillett (1st Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.), Lena (3rd Monday at 6 p.m.), Suring (2nd Tuesday at 6 p.m.), Oconto (3rd Tuesday at 6 p.m.), and Lakewood (2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m.).

8. Discuss 2024 marketing Campaign

Reviewed ad proof. Suring will provide an updated picture. Correct Gillett Public Library website.

9. NEW BUSINESS TO CONSIDER FOR NEXT MEETING

- Bring Wonder Book and Launch Pad for demos at the next meeting.

10. SELECT DATE/LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

1/24/2024 at 2:00 pm @ Gillett Community Center, 204 E Main Street in Gillett.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by motion at 3:04 pm by Patenaude/Elbe.

Erik Pritzl, Recorder

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