

**TAYLOR COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2007**

The meeting of the Taylor County Library Board was called to order by Chairman Seidl at 7:00PM, August 1, 2007, at the Frances L Simek Memorial Library in Medford.

Members Present: James Seidl, Donna Walbeck, Kathy Fierke, Shirley Lemke, Eileen Grunseth, Tammy Dunlop. Joseph Greget joined the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Others Present: Library Directors - Pat Reich, Ann Harris, Lori Cooley, David Judell

Agenda & Minutes of Previous Meeting: There being no errors or omissions noted **Mrs Walbeck moved to approve both the proposed agenda and the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2007. The motion was seconded by Eileen Grunseth and carried unanimously.**

Public Input: Newly appointed member Tammy Dunlop was introduced and welcomed to the board.

Correspondence: Annual letter from Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) reporting on benefits to Taylor County by belonging to WVLS and transmitting WVLS Statistics for 2006. The information was reproduced and distributed to each county board member.

Committee Reports: Legislative by Donna Walbeck. Mrs Walbeck reported:

- Retirement of Heather Eldred and Mary Bethke from WVLS.
- Jan – Jun 2007 V-Cat circulation figures.
- WVLS DVD collection will be distributed to area libraries.
- WVLS purchasing new server due to updates in the system. Projector and lap top computer also purchased to be used with it.
- Explained the use of PIN numbers when accessing accounts. PIN numbers are last four digits of telephone number.
- Legislative information – Wisconsin budget items which directly affect library operations:
 - Governor proposes approximately 4% increase in each year of biennium.
 - Joint Finance Committee supports library system funding.
 - Budget allows current levels of Badger Link service in the next biennium.
 - Governor did not fund library delivery services.
 - Budget request for funding of Newslite for the Blind upheld by JFC.
 - Governor recommended that county payments to libraries be exempt from levy limits.
 - WLA recommended language concerning disclosure of certain library records to law enforcement officers.

Old Business: Cross-County Reimbursements .The chairman reported that he has been noted there is significant opposition by other counties against the new requirement due to excessive costs.

New Business: Reimbursement Requests: Chairman Seidl indicated that Taylor County had received requests for reimbursement from Ladysmith, Chippewa Falls, LE Phillips Library, Eau Claire and Stanley Library. He further reported that the requests totaled \$ 9,803.88 and indicated that he did not know how these requests would be funded by the County in the Library Budget. Because several of the requests do not contain enough

information to justify the payments he may suggest to the County Clerk that he contact the libraries involved and request additional supporting documentation.

Taylor County libraries, which have requested reimbursement from adjacent counties, are:
Medford – Lincoln and Price Counties
Gilman – Chippewa County

CY 2008 Municipal Library Budgets. Each of the library directors present submitted their budget requests to the chairman who will consolidate the requests and prepare the consolidation for submission to the County Budget Preview Committee. The board representative from Westboro was requested to have the Westboro library director submit her request by mail or E-mail.

Discussion Items: Pat Reich suggested that in recognition of her retirement some type of token of thanks and appreciation be sent to Heather Eldred by Taylor County. There was agreement that the recommendation deserved further consideration and the chairman reported he would follow through.

Ann Harris presented an overview of July circulations by the various county libraries which revealed considerable differences in the length of circulation periods. The result of this is that libraries with short circulation periods gain more circulations than those with longer periods. This directly affects the cost per circulation and consequently either positively or negatively affects funding received by the libraries.

Library directors agreed to form an ad hoc committee to study the issue and make recommendation to their boards to adopt more uniform lending policies.

Next Meeting: Due to uncertainty of the budget preparation process which may require another special meeting, the chairman asked that the next meeting be at his call. There was no opposition.

Adjournment: There being no further business there was a **motion by Mrs Walbeck, second by Eileen Gruneth to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM, August 1, 2007.

Respectfully submitted:

SHIRLEY LEMKE
Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
February 28, 2007

Chairman Seidl called the regular meeting of the County Library Board to order at 7:00PM, February 28, 2007, at the Rib Lake Public Library.

Members present: Donna Walbeck, James Seidl, Kathy Fierke, Sandy Volkmann and Joseph Greget

Members absent: Shirley Lemke and Eileen Grunseth

Others present: Directors Pat Reich, Ann Harris, Mary Aschenbrenner and David Judell

Agenda & Minutes: A motion to approve the proposed agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Mrs. Walbeck and seconded by Ms. Volkmann. Carried unanimously.

Communications: None

Public Input: None

Committee Reports: Legislative: Mrs. Walbeck reported on the following items:

- WLA – Senate Bill 40 - Budget Bill as supported by Governor Doyle.
- Reminder to members that Wisconsin Valley Library Service Lamplighter Info Bulletin is available on line.
- Reviewed the importance of contacting and keeping legislative representatives aware of concerns and not to forget "thank you's" for help provided.
- Described how the Wheeler Report can be accessed and why it is of value in keeping up with activities in the legislature and throughout the state.
- Gates Foundation workshop (Greener Pastures) coming up to help rural libraries. (More information in Lamplighter)
- LISZEN – Library Blog Search Engine now available.
- 20th Annual Children's Book Fest will be held in Rhinelander on March 7th in conjunction with Summer Reading Program.
- Library Elf is an online Email reminder service available for library users to keep track of borrowed materials and holds.

Old Business: A brief discussion centered on statutory changes that necessitated revision of the Taylor County Library Plan. In brief: Cross-county reimbursement for services will be mandatory in 2008 requiring additional reporting requirements by libraries.

New Business: Revision of County Library Plan. Copies of revised plan draft had been provided to board members and directors previous to meeting with request for comments, concerns and/or corrections. Several concerns were addressed and a number of typographical and grammatical errors recommended for correction.

Following examination of the draft plan Mr. Greget moved to approve the plan as amended. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Walbeck and carried unanimously.

Resolution for County Board Approval of Library Plan: Chairman Seidl read a resolution he had drafted for submission of the Library Plan to the County Board for approval. Mr. Greget offered a motion to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Walbeck and carried unanimously. All board members present signed the resolution.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the County Library Board is tentatively scheduled for August at the Courthouse in Medford.

There being no further business Chairman Seidl adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM, February 28th, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHY FIERKE
Acting Secretary