

**TAYLOR COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**August 20, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Taylor County Library Board was called to order by Chairman Seidl at 7:00 pm, August 20, 2008, in the County Board Room of the Taylor County Courthouse.

**Members Present:** James Seidl, Eileen Grunseth, Donna Walbeck, Joseph Greget, Shirley Lemke, Kathy Fierke

**Members Absent:** Tammy Dunlop

**Others Present:** Library Directors Sharyn Clough, Gilman; Pat Reich, Stetsonville; Ann Harris, Medford; David Judell, Rib Lake

**Minutes:** There being no errors or omissions noted Chairman Seidl declared the minutes of the meeting of July 2, 2008, approved as printed and distributed.

**Agenda:** Eileen Grunseth moved to approved the proposed agenda. Motion of seconded by Donna Walbeck and carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** *None*

**Correspondence:** Chairman Seidl reported he had received a copy of the Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) Statistical Data for 2007, and WVLS Letters explaining the advantages to Taylor County of being a member of WVLS. Members present indicated they had received the same information. Copies will be provided to Taylor County Board members.

**Committee Reports:** Mrs. Walbeck reported on:

1. WVLS plan and budget recommendations for CY 2009 that will be acted on by their board. WVLS proposed budget \$1,150,485; Operating Expenses \$ 268,678; Salaries and Benefits 2% COLA Increase plus step increases in individual positions; Hoping for 4% increase in funding from the state. Provisions for 2% increase in county funding.
2. Second round of Wisconsin Way hearings schedule to be announced.
3. Workshops: LSTA Literacy Grant  
Workshop – Thursday, Sep 18<sup>th</sup>, at Marathon County Public Library featuring Autism 101 and Celebrating Differences.
4. WALTCO courier service. Fuel surcharges will be in effect due to increase in gas cost.

**Old Business:**

1. Inter-county reimbursements, Thorp library explained the non-resident circulations for which Taylor County was billed.
2. Application form for requesting reimbursement. It was agreed that the form will be sent to each county that requests reimbursement from Taylor County if they have not provided the necessary information in their initial request.

**New Business:** Chairman Seidl solicited the individual municipal library budget requests so he can consolidate them for presentation to the County Budget Review Committee.

**Other Library Related Issues:** None

**Next Meeting:** Will be at the call of the Chairman because it is not known at this time if another budget related meeting will be necessary.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Donna Walbeck with a second by Joseph Greget to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm, August 20, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

SHIRLEY LEMKE  
Secretary

**TAYLOR COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**July 2, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Taylor County Library Board was called to order by Chairman Seidl at 7:00 PM, July 2, 2008, at the Jean M Thomson Memorial Library, Stetsonville.

**Roll Call: Members:** James Seidl, Eileen Grunseth, Kathy Fierke, Tammy Dunlop, Donna Walbeck. Shirley Lemke, Joseph Greget  
**Others:** Library Directors: Sharyn Clough Gilman; Pat Reich, Stetsonville; Kathleen Kennedy, Westboro; Ann Harris, Medford; David Judell, Rib Lake

**Minutes:** There being no errors or omissions noted the chairman declared that the minutes of the meeting of Feb 27, 2008, be accepted as published and distributed.

**Agenda:** The proposed agenda for the current meeting was unanimously approved without modification.

**Election of Officers: Chairman:** By virtue of his position as County Board representative James Seidl retained the chair in compliance with Chap 2, Taylor County Code. **Vice-Chairman:** Donna Walbeck was nominated and unanimously elected.  
**Secretary:** Shirley Lemke was nominated and unanimously elected.

**Correspondence:** 1. Wisconsin Dept of Public Instruction Executive Summary: The Economic Contribution of Wisconsin Public Libraries to the Economy of Wisconsin.  
2. Report from Taylor County Clerk depicting Cross County Reimbursements requested of Taylor County totaling \$17,258.42.

**Committee Reports:** Mrs Walbeck reported on legislative and other activities to include:

1. Nothing on the current legislative agenda concerning public libraries.
2. Strategic Summit – Develop a vision for libraries for future services contributing to the health of democracy and bettering our communities. Nominations are being accepted for individuals who may wish to service on the task force.
3. The Wisconsin Way – Town hall meeting at Wausau, July 23; Rhinelander, August 12. Interested individuals are invited to attend. Topic: Control of Property Tax While Maintaining Public Services.
3. Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) offer to conduct a trustee orientation for local library boards is desired.
4. WVLS exploring a less costly way to run the delivery service to local libraries.

**Old Business:** Cross-County Reimbursements – It was determined to be vitally essential that a standardized form be sent to each county which requests reimbursement by Taylor County. Such form would contain the necessary information to determine who in Taylor County received the library services and other information to justify the request.

**New Business:** CY 2009 Budget Requests - It was determined that local library budget requests should contain a line item indicating the amount of cross-county funding which was received by each library.

It is anticipated that the consolidated library budget will be due to the Budget Review Committee sometime in September, therefore it is projected that the municipal libraries

prepare their budgets for presentation to the County Library Board during the latter part of August.

**Next Meeting:** Firm date not established, but tentatively planned for late August.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business Chairman Seidl adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM, July 2, 2008.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

**SHIRLEY LEMKE, Secretary**

**TAYLOR COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 27, 2008**

Chairman Seidl, called the regular meeting of the Taylor County Library Board to order at 7:00 PM, February 27, 21008, at the Frances L. Simek Memorial Library, Medford.

**Members Present:** James Seidl, Donna Walbeck, Kathy Fierke, Eileen Grunseth. Joseph Greget joined the meeting at approx 7:25 PM.

**Members Absent:** Shirley Lemke, Tammy Dunlop

**Others Present:** Library Directors Ann Harris, David Judell, Pat Reich, Sharyn Clough

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** There being no errors, omissions or corrections noted Chairman Seidl declared the minutes of the meeting of August 1, 2007, approved as published and distributed.

Agenda: A motion to approve the proposed agenda was made by Kathleen Fierke and seconded by Donna Walbeck. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input:** None

**Correspondence:** David Judell reported that he had received payment from Price County for cross-county circulations.

**Committee Report (Legislative):** Donna Walbeck reported on a number Wisconsin legislative agenda items and distributed several pamphlets and newsletters covering the following issues:

- Legislative proposal to increase library funding to statutory level.
- Support of funding for BadgerLink.
- Increased funding for Wisconsin Regional Library for Blind & Physically Handicapped, Cooperative Children's Book Center, Wisconsin Library Services University of Wisconsin System libraries.
- Support the need for libraries to have access to adequate bandwidth.
- Support public library district enabling legislation.
- Support exemption of county library expenditures from county levy limits.
- Promotion of the importance of publicly funded free and open access to library materials to all.

Mrs. Walbeck also reported on several Legislative Policy Statements that are supported by the Wisconsin Library Association including, but not limited to:

- Privacy in the use of library materials.
- Promotion of regional and statewide sharing of library and information services.
- Strong statewide leadership for library development and cooperation.

Mrs. Walbeck informed the attendees of staff changes at Wisconsin Valley Library Service since the retirement of Director Heather Eldred. Marla Sepnaski has been appointed Director.

Attendees were also informed of a WVLS meeting on March 8, 2008. It is an open meeting.

**Old Business:** Cross-county reimbursements. Chairman Seidl questioned the members and directors as to whether it would be advisable or desirable to develop a standard form for requesting payment from adjoining counties for non-resident libraries services. He

distributed a sample form designed by Chippewa County and indicated he would volunteer to draft a form if they so desire. Following discussion and introduction of several suggestions it was the consensus of those present to develop a standard form. Chairman will submit a draft to members and directors for their approval prior to next meeting.

**New Business:** Review of County Library Plan for necessary revisions. It was agreed that no revisions were necessary at this time.

**Other Business:** It was reported that the individual municipal library directors had met recently at the Stetsonville Library to discuss and coordinate various library activities. The meeting was determined to be successful and future meetings are planned in an effort to provide better and more uniform library services to Taylor County residents and other patrons.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business **Kathy Fierke moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Eileen Grunseth and carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm, February 27, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

James G. Seidl  
Chairman (Acting Secretary)