

**TAYLOR COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2010**

A meeting of the Taylor County Library Board was called to order at 7:02 PM, July 28, 2010, by Chairman James Seidl. The meeting was conducted at the Frances L. Simek Memorial Library in Medford.

Members Present: James Seidl, Donna Walbeck, Eileen Grunseth, Darlene Wellner and Marcie Thiede

Members Absent: Joseph Greget and Angela Woyak

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Mrs. Walbeck moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2010, as they were published and distributed and the proposed agenda for the current meeting. This motion was seconded by Eileen Grunseth and carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: There was no written correspondence to report on; however, Ann Harris reported on verbal communication she had with Wisconsin Valley Library Service concerning a bill for services from Rusk County for cross-country reimbursement. It was reported that Rusk County has a federated library system that, as such, assumes all of their residents are served by a library and they cannot be billed for services provided to them by surrounding counties although Rusk County is free to bill for services provided to Taylor County residents. It appears the practice is in compliance with current statutes but is deemed to be unfair and ethically questionable. Chairman Seidl reported he would consult with the County Clerk on the issue in an effort to resolve the issue in a fair and equitable manner.

Committee Reports: Donna Walbeck, Legislative Committee, expressed gratitude to Jim Seidl for resuming the chairmanship of the board.

She further reported:

- There was little news of late from the legislature. It was suggested that interested individuals can monitor their computers to keep abreast of what is being considered in the legislature.
- Mrs. Walbeck questioned which county libraries were able to take advantage of the Gates hook-up? Only Rib Lake responded that they had received benefits.
- Reported that summer reading programs were "great".
- Indicated that a Time magazine article stressed importance of summer reading.
- Discussed the issue of memorial books and the need to develop a policy for the acquisition of such materials.
- Stressed the need for patrons to contact their legislatures and urge them to change the manner in which library services are accounted for to present a truer picture of the job that is being done.

Old Business: Chairman Seidl stressed the need to continue taking maximum advantage our ability to bill surrounding counties for services provided to non-residents. Critical budget constraints make it imperative that all possible sources of revenue be fully explored.

New Business:

1. Individual library directors submitted their cross-county billings to the chairman. The sum of all billings by Taylor County libraries to surrounding counties totaled \$ 16,751.62.

2. Library directors also submitted their CY 2011 initial library budget requests to Chairman Seidl who will consolidate them for submission to the County Budget Review Committee.

Other Library Business: A discussion developed over the statistics used to measure library usage. There was a consensus among members present that the mission of a library has changed dramatically over the years and libraries are not receiving adequate credit for the many services now being provided. It is believed that everyone visiting the library and receiving any of the numerous services now being provided should be counted when calculating quantity of service to public patrons.

The problem with the billing for services by Rusk County was also discussed. There was general agreement that what was done is unfair to Taylor and other counties in the same predicament and an effort should be made to correct the problem.

Next Meeting: Because there are not yet any budget review sessions scheduled Chairman Seidl reported that he did not know if and/or when another library budget meeting would be necessary. He requested that he be permitted to call another meeting as needed.

Adjournment: All agenda items having been acted on and there being no further business Chairman Seidl declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM, July 28, 2010.

Respectfully submitted:

James Seidl for Eileen Grunseth, Secretary

**TAYLOR COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
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April 7, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Taylor County Library Board was called to order by Chairman Seidl at 7:00PM, April 7, 2010, at the Rib Lake Public Library.

Members Present: James Seidl, Donna Walbeck, Marcy Thiede, Angela Woyak, Joseph Greget

Members Absent: Bruce Jochimsen, Eileen Grunseth

Others Present: Library Directors: Ann Harris, Pat Reich, David Judell, Denise Korenuk, Debbie Meier; Visitors: Joan Anderson, Ned Orthmann

Introductions: Because there were two new library directors and some visitors present each attendee introduced themselves.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mrs Harris and seconded by Mr. Judell to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as published and distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda: Chairman Seidl requested consent of the board to amend the agenda to add membership change which is needed due to loss of board member. Board consented to the change.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: Donna Walbeck, Legislative Committee reported on the following items:

- Legislative Day in Madison resulted in very good turnout with attendees able to meet with various representatives.
- Jack Klingbeil has been engaged on IT staff at Wisconsin Valley Library Service.
- The Taxpayer Alliance report on the state budget was made available.
- A newly revised glossary of acronyms is available to anyone wishing one.
- The WVLS budget for 2010 was established at \$1,390,147.62. Staff salaries frozen at current level.
- Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) conference scheduled for April 28-30 in Appleton.
- New logo and website being developed for WVLS.
- 2010 systems annual report available.
- Taylor County provides 6% of WVLS budget.

Old Business: Chairman reported that county distribution of library levy was made prior to the March 1 deadline. All library directors indicated they had been received and there were no discrepancies.

New Business: Revision of the County Library Plan was discussed. It was reported by the members that no revision appears to be necessary at this time. Several of the members present asked for additional copies of the Plan that Mr. Judell printed and generously provided.

Discussion Items: Gilman Director reported they were celebrating their 60th anniversary with numerous activities planned during National Library Week.

Stetsonville Director reported they have been in their new building for 20 years and are planning a celebration during the coming summer.

Director Meier of Westboro reported an ice cream for books promotion and that a new story time has been initiated a few months ago.

David Judell, Rib Lake expressed great satisfaction he had in getting a computer problem rapidly resolved over the telephone by Jack Klingbeil, WVLS.

Ann Harris, Medford reported that since January they had completed an inventory of their entire collections and many cataloguing errors had been cleaned up.

Joseph Greget described what is occurring during Week of the Young Child. There are numerous activities planned including movies and puppet show. He also invited all librarians to attend and participate in Early Childhood Council meetings.

Next Meeting: With consent of the membership the next meeting that should be conducted during the month of June and is the annual meeting will be scheduled at the call of the Chairman.

Adjournment: The agenda items having been covered and there being no further business Chairman Seidl declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM, April 7, 2010.

Respectfully submitted:

Anne Harris
Acting Secretary