

MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 13, 1999

Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the committee is to study local library service, the options, the needs and the funding.

The Iowa County Library Planning Committee met at the Dodgeville Public Library on May 13, 1999 at 10 A.M.

Krista Ross, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10 A.M. Committee members present were: Peggy Daentl, Earlene O'Keefe, Barbara Polizzi, Valerie Foley, Pat Skogen, Krista Ross, Therese McCarragher, Diane Sterba, and Robert Daentl. Lois Menninga, Victoria Kolb, and Mary Lou Fry were absent. (Mary Lou Fry has since resigned).

Krista asked for a motion for certification of an open meeting. Motion was made by Barbara Polizzi and seconded by Valerie Foley. Motion carried.

Krista asked for a motion to approve agenda. Valerie made the motion to approve agenda. Valerie made the motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Peggy Daentl. Motion carried.

Krista asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Barbara Polizzi made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Pat Skogen. Motion carried.

Item #6. Iowa County Library Plan

The committee began discussing the plan. Krista Ross related she had spoken with County Clerk Gregg Klusendorf and he was interested in how the enactment of Act 150 would impact Iowa County.

In addition it was clarified by Krista Ross that reimbursement to libraries for use by county non-residents meant the use of other libraries by those people from areas or villages which do not have libraries.

Barbara Polizzi began the discussion of the county plan by comparing Iowa County's plan which is in development to what Crawford County's planning committee filed as their county plan.

- a. Crawford County's mission statement was longer than Barneveld's plan but essentially had the same meaning.
- b. Our plan's background information gave a snapshot of what the area was like geographically and gave statistics of population as well as demographics of the area. Crawford County's background stated only the reason for the long-range plan's development (State Statutes Chapter 43.11 and Act 150). Iowa County's plan mentioned Statute 43.11 in A under Introduction. In Iowa County's plan the four public libraries individual dates of establishment were listed as well as how the Southwest Wisconsin Library System was developed. Then the Iowa County Library Planning Committee's development and membership was clarified. Also stated were the dates of the first long-range plan which was written by the County Library Planning Committee. A change under Letter C under II of our plan was that the Iowa County Board appointed three county residents to serve on the SWLS Board instead of a minimum of three county residents to serve on the SWLS Board. Valerie Foley brought this information to the committee by reading the by-laws of SWLS to our committee.

Barbara Polizzi then moved the discussion forward to III. Current Library Services to County Residents. She noted that Crawford County named their 3 public libraries as well as 5 high schools in the area. Under A, Current County Library Services, their plan summarized the service area population of their three libraries but their open library hours were written into the plan and stated what open hours each individual library had established to serve their public. Statistics on collection, circulation, and interlibrary loans and operating incomes

were combined figures for each library's individual counts according to their annual reports. Barbara Polizzi suggested that our libraries should furnish our statistics in the four areas Crawford County used in their plan, but add combined staff. She felt combined open hours would be more appropriate than stating our individual library open hours. The Iowa County Plan mentioned two main services SWLS currently provided the county residents: rotating print and non-print materials and centralized ordering and processing services for public libraries. Crawford County's Plan chose not to include this. Each plan under B (Governance) under III stated how each library board of trustees in each county's libraries were appointed.

After a short discussion on interlibrary loan the committee began discussing point C under III. Barbara Polizzi noted that Crawford County did not actually give exact statistics on in-county usage, but stated how each library would determine these statistics either by Dynix Automation or by manual means. The Iowa County Library County Plan gave actual in-county usage statistics from the 1998 annual report. On C 2 under III the Crawford County Plan stated that statistics on county residents' usage of libraries outside the county are obtained through the Dynix automation system and reciprocal agreements among the counties would be utilized for reimbursement. Attached was the Wisconsin Statute 43.12 pertaining to reciprocal agreements and reimbursement to libraries for serving non-residents of each county involved in the agreement. Barbara Polizzi liked this aspect of Crawford County's Library Plan and suggested it should be used in the Iowa County Plan.

The committee continued working on the plan by continuing on with part IV: Current Funding of Library Services to County Residents. Barbara liked Crawford County's Plan on points A and B. Funding amounts of municipalities for libraries excluding capital expenditures and memorial funds were included in A. In B comparisons of funding levels came from the 1997 Wisconsin Library Services Record. Each municipality was listed, the tax rate per \$1000 for that municipality and also the amount of money per capita expended by each person in that municipality for library service was included. The Iowa County Plan therefore included similar points in funding under IV, A and B.

The committee continued with the discussion by comparing our goals and objectives to the Crawford County Plan. Our Point A was similar to Crawford County's. It concerned open access to all residents in the Southwest Wisconsin Library System and beyond. Their objectives referred to maintaining and expanding interloan services as well as developing more local libraries and expanded library hours. Iowa County's stated objectives such as:

- (1) Each public library in Iowa County would issue patron library cards to all residents within the Southwest Wisconsin Library System.
 - (2) Each public library in Iowa County would accept all library patron cards within SWLS.
 - (3) Library services such as circulation, reference, and interlibrary loan shall be provided on an equitable basis to all residents of the SWLS.
 - (4) To provide an inter-county delivery service to medically disabled residents.
- Crawford County's plan differed from Iowa County's in that their county sees a need for more libraries. Iowa County's plan might add one more objective which would be to expand library hours.

After much discussion the committee left goal B and objective 2 and 3 under V of Crawford County's Plan because it needed more study. Maybe we would use goal B in the implementation section of our plan. Point C under V was similar to the objective 3 of our plan concerning library services being provided on an equitable basis.

There was a discussion on how reimbursement between counties would take place concerning non-resident library use. It was the consensus of the committee that possibly Walter Burkhalter, System President, could shed some light on how reimbursement for non-resident library patrons use of other county libraries outside their home counties would occur.

Barbara and Krista felt that possibly we should end our discussion of the plan. They urged the committee to study the former Iowa County Plan 1997-2002 and circle any points the committee liked in this plan. Also the committee was asked to look at goals and also the Crawford County Plan. Finally the chairperson asked the committee to study VI, VII, and VIII of the sample county plan. Librarians should look at their annual reports and bring them or figures which could be combined with other county library figures for combined statistics in operating income, collections, interlibrary loans, circulation, and staff.

Item #7. Any Other Items of Business That Need to Be Brought Before this Committee

The committee discussed how to get a replacement for Mary Lou Fry on the committee. It was the consensus of the committee to place an ad in a county publication for a volunteer to serve on the Iowa County Library Planning Committee. Bob Daentl said he might ask Iowa County Board Supervisor Mr. Laufenberg for a suggestion for the committee, too.

Item#8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10 A.M. at Dodgeville Public Library on Wed. May 26, 1999.

Item #9. Adjournment

The Iowa County Library Planning Committee adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Earlene O'Keefe

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