

MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MAY 18, 1995

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

The 1994-95 Iowa County Library Planning Committee met at the Mineral Point Public Library May 18, 1995 at 6:30 P.M.

Chairperson, Lois Menninga, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Victoria Kolb, Secretary, called the roll. Committee members present: Lois Menninga, Victoria Kolb, Earlene O'keefe, Laverne Draves, Valerie Foley, Thomas Kelly, Cheryl Lemanski, Therese McCarragher. Absent: Mary Lou Frye, Inez Learn, Joan Mish and Peter Press.

Lois Menninga announced that the meeting had been duly posted and was certified as an open meeting. Motion made by Tom Kelly to certify this as an open meeting. Motion seconded by Cheryl Lemanski. Motion carried. Motion made to approve the agenda by Valerie Foley, seconded by Therese McCarragher. Motion carried. After a correction of the spelling of Lemanski in the 4/20/95 minutes Laverne Draves moved that they be approved. Earlene O'Keefe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Southwest Wisconsin Library System Bookmobile survey for the Iowa County Library System was discussed. To determine how many patrons and boxes there are in specific communities the following assignments to call Postmasters were made:

Valerie Foley - Avoca, Highland, Cobb, Muscoda, Edmund  
Laverne Draves - Spring Green, Dodgeville  
Therese McCarragher - Hollandale (Iowa County residents)  
Lois Menninga - Rewey, Lyndon, Livingston, Montfort  
Earlene O'Keefe - Ridgeway, Barneveld, Blue Mounds  
Tory Kolb - Arena  
Tom Kelly - Mineral Point

Results should be sent to Lois Menninga or Jim Wroblewski at the Southwest Library System. It was suggested that perhaps Jo Don Anderson, Bookmobile Coordinator might call WI Power and Light to see if they would include the survey in their bills as a community service.

The following suggestions were made regarding the Bookmobile: 1) Have counties put aside money for a new Bookmobile. 2) Do we even want a Bookmobile or should we go to vans? A new Bookmobile could cost up to \$110,000. The cost to fix the Bookmobile is prohibitive - it is completely gone. 3) Strengthen the libraries in the County. Libraries

could stay open longer to serve more people. 4) Establish reading rooms with knowledgeable volunteers helping and checking out books. Van would deliver books to reading rooms where these volunteers would serve. Use both Southwest resource person and volunteers. 5) If Bookmobile is abolished perhaps an outreach program could be developed. 6) Form a task force and follow their advice and recommendations. 7) Stock reading rooms with donated paper backs and Reader's Digest books. Current best sellers could be available on a check-out basis only on certain days at certain times brought by van, by a volunteer or Southwest Library System employee. 8) Compile a list of older people who use the Bookmobile and accommodate them through churches, libraries or general volunteers. 9) If outreach is done by Bookmobile librarian there should be compensation from the county and the present Bookmobile librarian should go to the site.

Terms are up for the following committee members: Laverne Draves, Cheryl Lemanski, Mary Lou Frye and Peter Press. It is felt all will continue to serve.

Valerie Foley and Cheryl Lemanski were appointed by Chairperson Lois Menninga to be members of the Preliminary Fair Committee .

Elections will be held at the next meeting. It was suggested that the election include the office of Vice- President.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13, 1995 at 6:30 P.M. at the Dodgeville Public Library.

Tom Kelly moved that the meeting be adjourned, Valerie Foley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Victoria L. Kolb*

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Secretary