

MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

July 8, 1997

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 Mineral Point Public Library on July 8, 1997 at 6:30 P.M.

Chairperson Valerie Foley called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. Committee members present were Lois Menninga, Earlene O'Keefe, LaVerne Draves, Valerie Foley, Therese McCarragher, Mary Lou Fry, Diane Sterba, and Barbara Polizzi.

Valerie asked for a motion for certification of an open meeting. Mary Lou Fry made the motion for certification of an open meeting and Therese McCarragher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Barbara Polizzi and seconded by Diane Sterba. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by LaVerne Draves and seconded by Mary Lou Fry. Motion carried.

Item #6. Bookmobile/ Outreach Services

Valerie Foley began this part of the meeting by bringing forward information she had obtained from SWLS about what expenses are included in the bookmobile budget and Iowa County's share of financial support for the bookmobile which is about \$11,783. The rest of Iowa County's support for the Southwest Wisconsin Library System also goes to Iowa County's share for the upkeep, maintenance, and utility bills for the System building at Fennimore, supplies, and a portion of staff salaries. County support also offsets processing of material costs for all libraries in Iowa County.

Some major discussion about how Iowa County might continue to support county residents in their library needs would be to use funds not expended for bookmobile use to support the four county libraries. One suggestion given was for staffing support or supporting more open library hours.

Another option or suggestion which might be given to Iowa County to support County resident library needs would be van service to sites in the County (probably once a month). Each community wishing Southwest WI Library System material would be required to provide a place for a collection which would meet the American Disabilities Act provisions. Each community choosing this option would also need personnel to man the site. Communities would also be responsible for the circulation of the material and collecting the material after its use by residents for return to the Southwest Wisconsin Library System.

The rest of the meeting the committee worked on a letter to be presented to the Iowa County Board. This letter was directed to be written by the Library Planning Committee by County Board Chairman Richard Scullion. This letter would inform township boards of the pending demise of county support for the Bookmobile after December 31, 1997 and delineate options available to the community for library service to county residents. Diane Sterba and Mary Lou Fry would develop the final letter and then forward it to our county board representative on the committee, LaVerne Draves, who would present it to the County Board for approval as soon as possible.

Item #7. Iowa County Library Planning Committee Member Nominations.

Valerie Foley announced the addition of Caroline Hendrickson of the Cobb-Highland area and Peggy Daentl from the Edmund area as nominees for the two "at large" vacancies on the Iowa County Library Planning Committee. Their names will be presented to the Iowa County Board for approval. Caroline Hendrickson who attended the meeting was introduced.

Item #8. Any Other Items of Business Brought Before the Committee

No other items were necessary to be brought to the committee.

Item #9. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, Sept. 9th at 6:30 P.M. at the Dodgeville Public Library, Dodgeville, WI.

Item #10. Adjournment

Valerie Foley called for an adjournment. Mary Lou Fry made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Secretary: Earlene O'Keefe

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earlene O'Keefe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.