

MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Oct. 14, 1998

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 Cobb Public Library on Oct. 14, 1998 at 10 A.M.

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

Valerie Foley asked for a motion for certification of an open meeting. Motion was made, seconded, and carried. Approval of agenda motion was made by Robert Daentl and Peggy Daentl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Approval of the minutes motion was made by Barbara Polizzi and seconded by Lois Menninga.

Item #6. Election of Officers of the Iowa County Library Planning Committee

Valerie Foley continued conducting the meeting by bringing forward the election of officers to the Iowa County Library Committee. After some discussion Barbara Polizzi said she would co-chair with Krista Ross and Earlene O'Keefe agreed to continue as secretary. Bob Daentl made a motion to accept Barbara's offer to co-chair the committee and Earlene's offer to continue as secretary. Pat Skogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Earlene O'Keefe brought up the fact that Iowa County had not paid the Southwest System their second payment for support of system services as of Oct. 14th and owed \$26,031.50. The Southwest Wisconsin Library System needed the payment as soon as possible. Earlene had called the System that A.M. before the committee met and was told it had not been paid. Walter Burkhalter, System Director, was scheduled for Oct. 15th at an Iowa County Board Finance Committee. Robert related there had been a lack of communication with the new Director and the Oct. 15th meeting perhaps more would be explained as to what services the Library System supplies in addition to the bookmobile which recently was unable to continue service to all counties. In further discussion Valerie Foley said that the System was asking for funding in 1999 to continue as in 1998 and in the same amount. She learned there was no excess bookmobile funding. The funding was being allocated in other areas where county monies did not quite cover existing costs for services. Also, as of July, the passage of Act 150 would cause the System to have to rethink former staff positions and in the transition staff titles have changed. Outreach librarian has become member services librarian; bookmobile driver is van driver or sorter. Bookmobile assistant is the public relations assistant. In 2001 based on 1999 figures Iowa County non-resident statistics in member libraries would see reimbursed funding at the 70% level. It was felt by the members of the Iowa County Library Committee that Walter should be able to explain what was happening with funding already paid to the System and why the second part of the payment was needed to continue services to Iowa County. In further discussion, Valerie mentioned that continuing education might be supplemented by county funding under Act 150. Barbara Polizzi explained to the group JoDon Anderson's role at SWLS. JoDon's job has always been a broad field job. So merely dropping bookmobile service did not end her job. It merely cut out being on bookmobile trips. Circulation overdues, assistant director, interim director etc. still continued in addition to new jobs which came about when various staff left or ways of delivering library service changed. Pat Skogen had questions on the automated library catalog system. Lois Menninga inquired to whether committee members from the Iowa County Library Planning Committee should plan to attend the finance committee meeting at Dodgeville on Oct. 15, 1998. After suggestions from various members whether it would be best to attend the meeting on Oct. 15th, it was decided that Walter

would be the best person to explain system services to the County Board finance committee. Barbara Polizzi made a motion and suggested members call a supervisor on the County Board and explain why belonging to the library system is better than being an island. Pat Skogen seconded the motion. Valerie Foley explained why contracts to the System remained the same for 1999 as in 1998. It was thought that in this transition period before 2000 and 2001 county boards would be able to get ready for the new changes in Chapter 43 of State Library Laws. Valerie Foley inquired as to whether there was any other business to come before the Board. There was none.

#8. Next Meeting

No date was set at this meeting. The committee thought they would find out how Walter Burkhalter's meeting with the finance committee in Iowa County went on Oct. 15th. Possibly all would watch for County Board budget meetings in the newspaper and whether the budget would pass in November 1998.

#9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Pat Skogen to adjourn the meeting and Peggy Daentl seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

*NEXT MEETING

Krista Ross, new co-chairperson of the Iowa County Library Planning Committee, has recommended the committee meet at the Dodgeville Public Library on Tuesday, March 30th, 1999 at 10 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Earlene O'Keefe,

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