

MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Nov. 4, 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 Cobb Public Library on Nov. 4, 1997 at 6:30 P.M.

Chairperson Valerie Foley called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 P.M. Committee members present were Peggy Daentl, LaVerne Draves, Valerie Foley, Mary Lou Fry, Victoria Kolb, Lois Menninga, Earlene O'Keefe, Krista Ross, and Diane Sterba.

Valerie Foley asked for a motion for certification of an open meeting. Victoria Kolb made the motion and LaVerne Draves seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Valerie Foley asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Krista Ross made the motion and Mary Lou Fry seconded it. Motion carried.

Item #6. Bookmobile/Outreach Services

Valerie then continued the meeting by informing the committee that on Oct. 7, 1997, Lois Menninga, JoDon Anderson and she were invited to Avoca to tour a potential site for a System materials deposit collection. Janet Perkins, Avoca village clerk, invited them to view the lower level of a school house which might serve as a site for a deposit collection. They were joined by Rosemary Champagne at the site who had prior library experience in Milwaukee and had expressed a desire to "man" the site. In a phone call after the tour, Valerie Foley was informed that Avoca was ready to receive a collection of Southwest System materials pending approval by the System Board and County Board of Supervisors.

Mary Lou Fry, SWLS Board member and committee member reported that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors had approved the adjusted amount of \$52,063 for their share of the System budget for county library services. LaVerne Draves said a figure of \$52,062 was approved by the County Board. In the ensuing discussion Mary Lou Fry felt the System Board would need to be contacted to see if these funds could be used for outreach services in the form of deposit collections of SWLS materials at various county sites. If money was left over possibly it would be shared by four county libraries to further serve county residents. Valerie Foley and other committee members inquired as to whether the Southwest System had total control over the method whereby the \$2500 originally allocated for a bookmobile replacement vehicle would go since it seemed clear the bookmobile would not be replaced. Lois Menninga inquired as to whether a cost had been determined on a librarian and van run and whether our committee could assist 3 sites in getting started on a reading room operation. LaVerne Draves reported how the Iowa County Board only recently knew what Iowa County's share of the bookmobile cost was since previously it was put in the budget from the System and was included in the whole cost. As some counties in the System decided to cut back on System support for county library services to their residents, it became vital for other counties in the System to know what the cost of the bookmobile was to individual counties. It was determined by the System Board that counties who cut support for county library services by holding their budgets to a previous year's support or by cutting support funds for bookmobile services etc. should have their bookmobile stops cut to reflect the amount of services they were actually supporting and to be fair to other counties who were supporting the bookmobile with increased funding. Therefore each county's cost for the bookmobile was determined at \$2500 which was mostly for the vehicle itself.

Mary Lou Fry replied to Lois's original inquiry by stating that the Southwest System probably would have to determine what funds could be allocated to reading rooms and our committee may have to have communities apply to the Southwest System for funding as they come on board for actual set-up of sites. Krista Ross reminded the committee that some former bookmobile sites in the county indicated their residents

planned to use the municipal library nearest to their former site for library service ~~service~~ and the 4 county libraries might have to have increased funding for outreach services since increased circulation from county residents outside their municipality might result in burdening their already "tight" municipality tax supported library budgets. No libraries in the System with the exception of the Richland County libraries receive direct funding to their municipal libraries from county boards. Krista felt the 4 municipal libraries should have access to county funding should some become available as county residents switched from bookmobile use to municipal library use. Lois Menninga recognized this need, but also indicated if 3 deposit collection (reading room) sites were ready to go, our committee should give them good initial set up support. She also reported on her conversations with Highland and Linden officials and their thoughts on how to get library services to their communities. Valerie Foley and Lois Menninga indicated their willingness to go to a Southwest Wisconsin Library System Board meeting and assist them in deciding about library outreach services to former bookmobile sites. This was eventually put in the form of a motion by Victoria Kolb and Diane Sterba seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mary Lou Fry indicated that they should inform the System and get on the agenda for perhaps the December meeting.

Item #7. ICLPC Long Range Plan Update

Valerie Foley reviewed the changes proposed in the Long Range Plan document to date. The years proposed to replace 1991-1996 is 1997-2001. We had added the word library on page 1 in no. 3 (a) to mean library programming ideas. On page 2, objective 1, under no. 5, the words by 1993 were eliminated. On page 4, no.8 it was suggested the word outreach services replace the word Bookmobile; also on objective no. 1 under no.8 outreach services was suggested to replace the words Bookmobile service as well as in a under no.1. In no. 9, page 4, objective 1 the words and implementing and by 1992-1993 were eliminated to read (1) To assist the SWLS Board of Trustees in evaluating a systemwide delivery service. Also in a under activities the words and its implementation were also dropped from the document. On page 5, no. 12, objective 1 (a) the word System Board was inserted after the word county. On page 5 also in 2 (a) the word Library was inserted after Iowa County. Valerie asked for a motion to adopt the changes in the Long Range County Plan. Mary Lou Fry made a motion to adopt the changes in the Long Range County Plan. Victoria Kolb seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

No other items were mentioned to be brought before the committee at this time.

Item #9. Next Meeting

The next meeting scheduled was to be held on Monday, March 30, 1998 at 10 A.M. at the Barneveld Public Library. Valerie mentioned that if a "special" meeting had to be scheduled, she would reschedule a meeting prior to March 30, but after a meeting with the SWLS Board.

Item #10. Adjournment

Valerie Foley called for an adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by Peggy Daentyl. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Earlene O'Keefe.

*Valerie Foley scheduled a meeting at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday Jan. 13, 1998 at the Dodgeville Public Library.

Secretary,
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