

Rosemary Garfoot Public Library Board Meeting
Wednesday July 25, 2012 7 am
2107 Julius Street, Cross Plains, WI 53528

Present: Charity Hirsch, Denise Baylis, Dan McMahon, Steve Schunk

Also present: Pam Bosben

Absent: Sue Stumpf

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- I. Call to Order: Hirsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 am
- II. Public Comment: NONE
- III. Approval of Minutes from the May 15, 2012 meeting (action item): Hirsch moved approval/McMahon seconded/motion approved
- IV. Treasurer's Report: State Bank of Cross Plains monthly statement showed \$9,591.85 in the checking account and \$216,991.98 in the cash management account.
- V. Approval of Bills (action item): Hirsch moved approval/McMahon seconded/motion passed
- VI. Director's Report: Summer library programs were well attended. There was a visit from an author, Cross Plains Idol talent show and next week the Summer Reading Program ends with a pool party. The Library has hosted two art exhibits: an exhibit of photographs from a Recreation Department program for kids and "Flowers, Flowers and More Flowers" by Black Earth artist Luci Shirek. In addition to her watercolors, Shirek is also exhibiting flower-themed collage, rose maling and clay. Given the success of the art exhibit program, Bosben will order a hanging art system to better accommodate display of artists' works. Intern Kelsey Johnson and Catherine Baer are working together to rejuvenate children's series. South Central Library System has informed member libraries that all obsolete computers must be replaced sometime next year. Bosben also noted a monetary donation to the library from Patricia Noakes.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Village Administrator Matt Schuenke is asking Departments for preliminary budget figures by August 25 if possible. He estimates that the Village can sustain up to a 3 percent increase in budget. Bosben reported that the Library will be looking at 2% salary increases to match union contracts per recommendation by the village administrator. Health insurance numbers are unknown at this point. Contributions by employees to State Retirement will also increase. Bosben informed the Board that book prices arose an average 5% in 2011 and periodicals went up an average 6% as well. Automation and technical support from SCLS will increase

- b. 3.5%. Preliminary Dane County reimbursement figures show a possible slight increase for the library. However, these numbers will not be known until the Dane County budget is passed. Upon recommendation from the auditor, a fund balance account will be set-up through the Village that will hold various revenues such as fines, fees, and reimbursements. These funds are used to supplement library operations. Donations will still be held in the Library Board account. Hirsch made a motion to approve implementing the new fund balance account in 2013, /McMahon seconded/motion passed.
- VIII. South Central Library System/Dane County Library Service Updates: All Director's Meeting was held last week. Discussion focused on the current SCLS financial model which will not be sustainable after 2013. Under the current State budget, SCLS realized a \$100k decrease in 2012 and will experience the same in 2013. The SCLS Technology Projects Manager position is currently open and SCLS staff and Board will meet to determine if this position should be filled or if money can be saved by internal restructuring. It was reported the SCLS contingency funds are being used to off-set some increased costs and continuation could result in serious depletion of these resources. All Director's voted on SCLS budget and it passed though a number of directors voted 'no.'
- Consultant Laura Page has been interviewing directors about current upheavals in SCLS and will issue a report defining systemic issues.
- XI. Next meeting: August 30 probable next meeting at 7 a.m..
- XII. Adjournment: Baylis motioned adjournment/Schunk seconded/meeting adjourned at 8:15 am