

System and Resource Library Administrators' Association of Wisconsin

Minutes of May 6, 2009 meeting at:

Kilbourn Public Library

620 Elm Street, Wisconsin Dells

Recorder: David (oww, my arm hurts) Weinhold, ESLS

Disclaimer - as a volunteer recorder, please excuse any misspellings of names, especially if your handwriting is flamboyant, and please forgive me if I reduced your profound and eloquent statements to a succinct sentence or two.

1. Call to order

Chair Arend called the meeting to order at 1:30ish p.m.

2. Quorum determination

Chair Arend noted that a quorum was present.

Present: Paula Kiely (Milwaukee PL), Phyllis Christensen (Marathon Co. PL),

Mark Arend (WLS), John Thompson (IFLS), Bernie Bellin (LLS), Walter Burkhalter & Steve Platterer (MWFLS), Mike Cross (DLTCL), Phyllis Davis (SCLS), Colleen Rortvedt (Appleton PL), John DeBacher (DLTCL), Jim Gingery (MCFLS), Cherilyn Stewart (Manitowoc PL); Kelly Krieg-Sigman (LaCrosse PL), Jessica MacPhail (Racine PL), Bryan McCormick (Janesville PL), Ruth Ann Montgomery (ALS), David Polodna (WRLS), Krista Ross (SWLS), Kathy Schneider (WiLS), Lynn Stainbrook (Brown County PL), David Weinhold (ESLS), Paul Nelson (WLA-LD&L), John Stoneberg, (L.E. Phillips, Eau Claire), Jim Trojanowski (NWLS), Marla Sepnafski & Inese Christman (WVLS), Janet Jennings, (Superior PL).

3. Introductions

All present made their introductions.

Noted that no Division staff were present. (Subsequently they arrived.)

4. Changes / additions to the agenda

No changes or additions to the agenda

5. Approval of the minutes from the February 2, 2009 meeting

Various spelling errors were corrected. Apparently, there was an extra "e" that needed to be placed elsewhere.

Polodna/Stoneberg moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried

6. Correspondence

None

7. Treasurer's report (Polodna)

Accepted and placed on file.

8. Activity reports from systems & resource libraries.

LLS - Bernie's successor will be named next week, using VOIP service, moving to gmail accounts.

Milw. PL - RFID project at Central and branches, partnership with Poet's House and Zoo.

Marathon Co PL - Branch expansion and building

SCLS - Chose KOHA for ILS, moving to new building and bringing over automation staff from Madison PL, reexamining ILS governance, Peer evaluation of System Director (you may be asked to evaluate Phyllis).

ESLS - Celebrating 30th Anniversary of Library System and Bookmobile Service, 25th year of local Delivery Service.

Brown Co PL - Renovation of Central Library, Energy audit, Negotiating with OWLSnet for ILS.

MCFLS - Greenfield new building, FiberNet project for suburban libraries, examining delivery service within system, implementing online patron registration and e-signatures.

Manitowoc PL - Hello, I am the new director.

WiLS - Open Source Resource Sharing project (State of Ohio) being resubmitted for bid, named OCLC Resource Sharing training partner.

L.E. Phillips PL - Renovation project underway

IFLS - E-commerce being implemented, merged shared ILS, Books By Mail catalog on ILS, Delivery Service, MOE, & Certification issues, Building projects.

WVLS - working on six LSTA grants (WOW), starting new ILS search, emphasizing trustee education.

NWLS - using a Wyoming video for Trustee Education (link courtesy of John DeBacher - www.wyominglibraries.org/trusteetrouble.html), the Minocqua/Arbor Vitae issue is being resolved

Janesville PL - implementing RFID, doing basic skills computer classes, Open computer labs with staff help to help unemployed with job searching, Strategic planning complete, Beloit PL new building.

WRLS - 28 of the 34 libraries are in ILS, starting search for new ILS, LaCrosse county developing branch in unserved area.

SWLS - celebrating 50 years of regional library service and 35 years of library system service, compliance issues.

Superior PL - Self check implemented, local art in front lobby, refurbishing of front entrance, new branch.

La Crosse PL - became a Foundation Center Library, very influential ROI presentation for library funding, for National History Day Kelly is wearing corset and hoop skirt. (no comment).

Appleton PL - Terry is in France (displays of envy were evident), a building planning process is underway very sssssllllloooooowwwwwlllllyyyyyy, Fox City Book Festival, merging

Friends and Foundation.

Racine PL - \$1 million for branch, new mayor just elected.

MWFLS - Dodge County Library Service will discontinue operations in 2010.

Winnefox - Delivery service will expand to 3 routes, new building in Endeavor, expansion in Wautoma, VISTA employee placement for Marquette County libraries.

DLTCL - supporting public library services for 138 years, of which 44 years in DPI, and putting up with systems for 38 years.

9. Stimulus Funds-What projects have systems and member libraries identified for funding. Strategies to increase chances of funding. General exchange of information. (Kiely)

Kiely asked if other libraries were pursuing Stimulus funds. Milw PL is looking for money for computer centers at branches, working with MPS for adaptive technology at branches. La Crosse is part of an energy savings project. DPI is pursuing statewide broadband grant (see handout). Community Development Block Grants has \$8 million available (see handout). Governor provides plan for use of stimulus funds, see the Governor's website for contact information. <http://www.recovery.wisconsin.gov/> Brown County PL is looking for construction money. Stimulus money coming through existing programs. Funding for additional positions are targeted for public service positions. SEP (Senior Employment Program) is an example.

10. 2010 Budgets - What is the outlook for systems and members? Strategies for managing reductions. (Kiely)

Concern that there will be MOE issues in 2010.

ESLS - Mead PL facing a mid year funding cut which could affect 2009 MOE.

Milwaukee PL - mandatory 16 hour furlough to save jobs. Cutting hours, reducing materials expenses.

Brown County PL - Furlough, closing buildings by reducing work week, health benefit contract savings.

Winnefox - library directors have MOE concerns, provides report on value of library system services.

SCLS - concern over the increase in Wisconsin Retirement Fund assessments.

NWLS - rebid health plan for savings.

IFLS - not filling retirement position

LD&L - review MOE issue paper and make sure county, city, and village officials see benefit of system membership.

La Crosse and SWLS - emphasize the monetary value of services received through property taxes. Other states, places require more in fees than our property tax payments.

10.1 After State Budget, what are legislative issues?

Nelson reported that today's report on dismal revenue projections may affect state budget passage timing. There is interest in Library Districts by a legislator. Work on confidentiality of public library records and collection agency issue. Urge changes of CIPA with federal legislators. Report that USF charges being extended to cell phone carriers, which spreads the base for USF.

11. The impact of downloadable media on library service. What effect will this have on circulation counts? Cross border usage? What is a better method to quantify what we do? (Davis)

Davis asked to postpone this discussion to the next meeting. Chair so ordered.

12. Contract bargaining: any concessions due to economy or creative ideas for 2010 (MacPhail)

There were no comments.

13. WPLC Report (Weinhold)

Weinhold reported that WPLC has reviewed its purpose and governance and decided to elect a chair from its membership and continue to employ project manager(s) to carry out its work. Currently WPLC is exploring web-conferencing products and will work with the Division and other groups to make best use of the 2010 LSTA category funding.

14. DLTCL Reports

Cross distributed information on 2010 LSTA categories (handout).

One of the categories includes exploration of Statewide Library Access (handout) - an issue from COLAND's Visioning Summit. Concern expressed that proposal seems to assume a statewide library card as a solution. Group indicated that the proposal explore the concept so as not to create expectations that can not be met. Division staff accepted the comments.

TEACH is undergoing an e-rate audit. Technology plans for 2005/2006 are part of audit. Bob will contact those whose plans are needed.

Public Library Director Certification Manual will be revised this summer. If interested in serving on revision team, contact Mike Cross or Terrie Howe at Division.

Annual Reports - revisions next year will be a separation for Adolescent and Children's programming. Will modify title for reporting of Other Funds/Trust Funds. There were a few reports where the library's Expenses exceeded the library's Revenue. Will tweak electronic report so that the error is flagged.

H1N1 Flu Virus - Division sent out information about reaction to flu.

WiLS reported that Milwaukee Public Library agreed to host content for the Wisconsin Heritage Online project and a grant will continue funding the project.

At a previous point in the meeting, the Chair declared a break so that we could present a

flamingo decorated cake to Bernie Bellin on the occasion of his retirement. Bernie served cake and all enjoyed it. (Please excuse the frosting covered electrons in this report.) Gifts were showered on Bernie, and gushing accolades were made over his 39 years of library service.

15. Adjourn

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm

Irreverently submitted,
David Weinhold