

Library Planning Committee

Thursday, May 10th at 2 PM

Health & Human Service Center – Room 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Nankee at 2:02 p.m.

Roll Call. Members present: Dan Nankee, Judy Lindholm, Barbara Polizzi, Alex LeClaire, Jennifer Bernetzke, and Vickie Stangel. Others present included David Kranz, Southwest Wisconsin Library System Director, Mark Storti, Southwest Wisconsin Library Board, Larry Bierkee, County Administrator. Excused Absent: Linda Gard.

Lindholm moved, Storti seconded to approve the 5/10/18 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the April 24, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion made by Bernetzke and seconded by Lindholm to accept the meeting minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting. Nankee opens matter to discussion. Stangel suggested amending the minutes regarding the transition of “reading rooms” to libraries. Change “They would first need to transition to becoming a branch of an existing library before having the circulation and budget to become their own library” to “Those reading rooms may have the option to becoming a branch of another library.” She referred to the document “Establishment of a Legal Public Library” Sept. 2016 from Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for reference. Amended motion approved unanimously.

Reports: Kranz brought completed 2019 County Billing statement and explained how the library system could be of help to public libraries. Nankee showed statistics comparing 2016 to 2010 county funding including libraries located partially in Iowa County. Bernetzke shared examples of counties using funding above the mandatory 70% and will be bringing more examples to the next meeting. Bierkee explained that this committee is an ADHOC Committee and will end when the Iowa County Library Plan is completed.

Draft Iowa County Library Plan: Committee reviewed LeClaire’s modifications to the current plan and agreed to use 2016 statistics in the appendixes. Stangel will add statistics to the modified plan and send it to the Committee for review. Combined programming statistics will be added.

Goals and Objectives: Committee discussed if county funding over 70% can be used at the county’s discretion. Bernetzke will review state statutes and check with DPI for clarification. Bierke mentioned that there are programming grants available but he is not finding library construction or staffing grants. Polizzi stated that there has been a decrease in the availability of federal and state funding for library technology. Committee members will think about the objectives and goals that should be included in the next Library Plan.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, May 29th at 2 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Lindholm, seconded by Polizzi. Motion carried at 3:40 p.m.

Minutes by Vickie Stangel