

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at the Presque Isle Community Library at 9:30A.M. by Chairman Ron De Bruyne with the following committee members present: Leon Kukanich. Maynard Bedish and Ralph J. Sitzberger were excused.

Supervisor Mary Platner joined the meeting to satisfy the requirement of a quorum, until the arrival of Erv Teichmiller. Others present during this meeting: Jim Trojanowski, representing the Northern Waters Library System, Pam Eschenbauch, Director, Presque Isle Community Library; June Franzen, Director, Phelps Library, Cindy Geib, representing the Land O' Lakes Library; Cela McGinnis, Director, Winchester Library; Ida Nemec, Director, Plum Lake Library; and Vilas County Clerk David Alleman.

Open meeting notices and quorum present verified by the Chairman.

Approve Library Committee agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:

Motion by M. Platner, 2nd by L. Kukanich to approve the agenda with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve Library Committee minutes of the October 1, 2009 meeting:

Motion by M. Platner, 2nd by L. Kukanich to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2009 meeting. All voted aye. Carried.

Introductions:

The Chair asked all in attendance to introduce themselves. The Chair then thanked P. Eschenbauch for hosting the meeting.

County library brochure:

The recently produced Vilas County Library brochure was presented and reviewed. It was felt that the phone number of each library should be included in the text describing each library location. This brochure will be given to each Vilas County Supervisor at the August, 2010 County Board meeting.

County library plan:

The recently approved Vilas County Library Plan was discussed. It was noted that this five year plan was open to revision, to accommodate the changing needs of patrons. E. Teichmiller urged the committee to support a higher level of county library funding during the upcoming 2011 budget process. J. Trojanowski urged the committee to promote the library plan and the needs of the libraries located in Vilas County, to the other County Board members. He also encouraged the librarians and the committee to engage in library planning activities that go beyond the usual budget issues. The Chair requested that copies of the current library plan be presented at the next committee meeting.

Presentation by Mary Platner:

Vilas County Supervisor and NWLS representative Mary Platner spoke regarding her attendance at the May 13, 2010 Vilas County Library Summit. She described the tone of the meeting as "electric" and praised the collaborative efforts of the librarians involved. Local school librarians were also included in this meeting. The resulting implementation plan was reviewed and discussed. I. Nemec explained the List Serve email network that now serves all of the area libraries. This network was one of the results of this summit meeting. UW Extension educator Joan LeFebvre facilitated this meeting. Future library summit meetings are planned.

Multi-type libraries:

The Chair discussed a recent email received from a constituent that urged all libraries to “go virtual”, thus eliminating the need for printed material as a cost cutting measure. Those present discussed this issue. The consensus was that printed material will continue to be a major part of a library’s collection. The area libraries have done very well in keeping up with changing technologies. Recent upsurges in circulation indicate that printed material remains the most widely used media loaned by area libraries.

Reports from area libraries and NWLS system:

I. Nemeč presented a written report for Diana Anderson, Director of the Walter Olson Memorial Library. Circulation has increased over last year. That system is planning a larger building to replace their current structure.

C. Geib presented a written report for the Land O’ Lakes Library. She then stated that the adult and youth summer events have been well patronized. The Conserve School has donated some of their collection to that library.

P. Eschenbauch presented a written report for the Presque Isle Community Library. She added that summer library events have been well attended.

J. Franzen reported that the Phelps Library was also enjoying an increase in use. The town is planning an addition to the library building in the near future.

C. McGinnis described the Winchester Library as being one of the focal points of that small community. That library is scheduled to be remodeled sometime this year.

J. Trojanowski reported regarding the continuing efforts by the Northern Waters Library System to assist local libraries.

Other library issues:

M. Platner spoke regarding adult literacy issues. The area librarians all noted that each library offers some type of adult literacy material.

Letters and Communications:

Nothing presented.

Future meeting dates:

The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for a date in September, 2010. The meeting is to be held at the Plum Lake Library.

Adjournment:

Motion by E Teichmiller, 2nd by M. Platner to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk