

Call to Order:

This meeting was called to order in the Vilas County conference rooms at 1:30 P.M. by Chairman Ron De Bruyne, with the following committee members present: Maynard Bedish, Erv Teichmiller and Ralph Sitzberger. Leon Kukanich was absent.

Others present during this meeting: Chuck Figer representing the Plum Lake Library; Mary Platner, Vilas County representative to the Northern Waters Library System, Jim Trojanowski, representing the Northern Waters Library System, June Franzen, Director, Phelps Library; Julie Zelten, Director, Land O' Lakes Library; Cela McGinnis, Director, Winchester Library; Diana Anderson, Director, Olson Memorial Library System; Cherie Sanderson, Director, Boulder Junction Library; Tina Koller 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. Bedish, 2nd by R. Sitzberger to approve the agenda with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve Library Committee minutes of the January 31, 2011 meeting:

Motion by M. Bedish, 2nd by R. Sitzberger to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2011 meeting. All voted aye. Carried.

Introductions:

The Chair asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Budget: 2012 area library and NWLS support:

Northern Waters Library Service requested a \$18,271.00 payment for 2012. This amount has not increased over 2011. Motion by E. Teichmiller, 2nd by R. Sitzberger to approve the 18,271.00 funding request from NWLS and to recommend that the Finance & Budget Committee and the County Board also approve. All voted aye. Carried. The committee discussed 2012 payments to area libraries at length. Due to the elimination of statutory "maintenance of effort" language in the Governor's budget bill, R. Sitzberger and R. De Bruyne favor reducing library support to 2010 levels. E. Teichmiller disagrees. R. De Bruyne feels that the Budget & Finance Committee will mandate a funding decrease anyway. E. Teichmiller would like to at least propose the same amount of funding as provided to the libraries in the 2011 budget. Area librarians agree that the higher level of funding is needed. Motion by E. Teichmiller, 2nd by M. Bedish to recommend to the Finance & Budget Committee and the County Board that \$77,695.46 is budgeted for library aid in 2012, to be allocated equally to the various library systems located in Vilas County. 3 voted aye. 1 no vote: R. Sitzberger. Carried.

Reports from Libraries:

Land O' Lakes / Julie Zelten: Usage is up. Details in written report presented to the committee.

Winchester Library / C. McGinnis: Circulation is up. E-book demand is strong and growing. There is great demand to use the common meeting room.

Plum Lake / C. Figer: Community library use has increased. Summer programs were great. WIFI use is considerable. A senior's page has been set up on Facebook.

Olson Memorial / D. Anderson: Very busy summer. Over 46,000 items have been lent. The building program is moving forward. 600 people took part in summer children's programs.

Manitowish Waters / report relayed by D. Anderson: Need continued level of county funding aid.

Boulder Junction / Cherie Sanderson: Usage has reached a plateau due to the small size of the library building. Extended summer hours were very popular. Size of current building is causing crowding and limiting library use, so the extended hours allowed for better utilization by patrons. A new library building is being discussed. She praised efforts by the library volunteers. Donations have decreased; 10% of the library budget is dependent upon donations. A grant from NWLS funded computer classes for seniors.

Phelps Library / J. Franzen: Eight summer programs for children. Circulation is down slightly but computer use has increased. Additional 2011 county funds helped finance a color copier.

NWLS / J. Trojanowski: A LSTA grant has been written. He also discussed Mail A Book services.

Letters and Communications:

Nothing presented.

Future meeting dates:

The next meeting will be held on a date to be determined.

Adjournment:

Motion by R. Sitzberger, 2nd by E. Teichmiller to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.