

**Call to Order:**

This meeting was called to order at the Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Ron De Bruyne, with the following committee members present: Maynard Bedish, Leon Kukanich, Ralph J. Sitzberger and Erv Teichmiller.

Others present during this meeting: Jim Trojanowski, representing the Northern Waters Library System; Cherie Sanderson, Director, Boulder Junction Library; June Franzen, Director, Phelps Library; Cela McGinnis, Director, Winchester Library; Ida Nemeec, Director, Plum Lake Library; Diana Anderson, Director, Olsen Memorial Library System; Julie Zelten, Director, Land O' Lakes Library; Mary Platner, Vilas County representative to the Northern Waters Library System 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 R. Sitzberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 September 16, 2010 meeting:**

Motion by R. Sitzberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bedish to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting. All voted aye. Carried.

**Introductions:**

The Chair asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

**2011 County library budget – allocation of funds:**

The Clerk reported that due to statutory maintenance of effort language pertaining to county support of libraries, the Vilas County Finance & Budget Committee approved 2011 Library funding totaling \$96,966.46. Northern Waters Library System's 2011 request totaled \$18,271.00, which left an amount of \$77,695.46 to be allocated to the 15 local municipalities that support area libraries. Previous allocations were based upon equal payments to each municipality. E. Teichmiller suggested a revised allocation formula incorporating a base level amount of funding with an additional allocation based on a per capita or total circulation amount. R. Sitzberger opposed changing the previous allocation formula, indicating that in his opinion the proposed change would create additional work and might also create competitive tensions among the various libraries. He also stated that the local communities were the primary funding source for each of their libraries, and that matters of financial need for additional programs and expansions should be left up to them. The library directors in attendance also did not voice support for a change in the funding allocation formula. The 2011 amount for each municipality would total \$5,179.69 using the equal allocation formula. Motion by R. Sitzberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Teichmiller to allocate \$18,271.00 to the Northern Waters Library System and \$5,179.69 each to the 15 municipalities located in Vilas County as 2011 county library support. All voted aye. Carried.

**Reports from Libraries:**

Diana Anderson, Director, Olsen Memorial Library System, presented a written and oral report detailing increased library usage and circulation. She also spoke about her library's expansion project.

June Franzen, Director, Phelps Library, reported significantly increased circulation.

Ida Nemec, Director, Plum Lake Library, reported increased circulation and usage. She also spoke concerning the benefits local libraries derived due to the reception of the LSTA Multi Links to Libraries grant.

Cherie Sanderson, Director, Boulder Junction Library, related current budget issues that her library is facing.

Julie Zelten, Director, Land O' Lakes Library, reported increased circulation. She also reported on seasonal programs presented by her library.

Cela McGinnis, Director, Winchester Library, reported that in spite of continuing renovations to her facility, circulation numbers have increased. She is also facing budgetary issues.

All of the library directors expressed thanks and appreciation for the additional level of county funding. E. Teichmiller also asked about other types of library funding efforts such as library foundations and Friends of the Library organizations. Some of the libraries currently utilized both funding sources.

**Letters and Communications:**

Nothing presented.

**Future meeting dates:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 31, 2011. The meeting is to be held at the Plum Lake Library, located in Sayner, Wisconsin.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by L. Kukanich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Sitzberger to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.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.