

Outagamie Waupaca Library System
Board of Trustees
February 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting, Michael Nitz, Appleton Public Library Technical Services Supervisor, provided a brief explanation of APL's RFID project and a demonstration of APL's automated materials handling system. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Gilbert in the Board Room of the Appleton Public Library.

PRESENT: Will Bloedow, Bobbie Buchholtz, Carol Diehl, Peter Gilbert, Paul Girod, Linda Hagen, Theresa Rechner, Marcia Trentlage.

EXCUSED: Patricia Craig, Eunice Lawrence, Bill Morien.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Krumwiede.

Trentlage moved, seconded by Buchholtz, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting. Motion carried. Bloedow moved, seconded by Buchholtz, to approve checks numbered 25555-25581, inclusive, in the amount of \$38,959.46 and 1/15/12-2/11/12 payroll-related expenditures in the amount of \$63,907.07. Motion carried. Diehl moved, seconded by Hagen, to approve the January 2011 financial report. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Krumwiede reviewed the annual OWLSnet report he made recently to the NFLS Board. The presentation to the NFLS Board was well received; they asked a number of good questions and engaged in a lively discussion. The NFLS Board also expressed appreciation for Gerri Moeller's regular reports. Bloedow reported on his attendance at the Wisconsin Library Association's annual Library Legislative Day.

OWLS has been notified that it has received three federal LSTA grants. A grant in the System Technology category for \$13,800 will provide support for the subscription to Recorded Books One-Click Digital service. Another grant for \$13,069 will provide 30% of OWLS contribution to the statewide digital media buying pool. Member libraries are providing 70% of OWLS share of the statewide buying pool. A grant for \$17,350 in the Accessibility category, written by Bradley Shipps, will allow service desk hearing loop systems to be installed at 11 member libraries. The grant will also help pay for the installation of meeting room hearing loops at the Fremont and Weyauwega libraries.

Evan Bend has been providing training to library staff and the public in using Ebooks and digital audiobooks that are available through InfoSoup. Bend and Waupaca Library Director Peg Burlington recently held two sessions at the Waupaca library, and Bend and Kimberly-Little Chute Library Director Beth Carpenter are holding three days of training sessions this week. He will also be doing training for the Clintonville staff next week.

A state Library Legislative Review Task Force is likely to begin its work in May, reviewing public library system and other requirements in Chapter 43. NFLS started accepting interlibrary loan requests, without limitation, at the beginning of the month. Krumwiede has designed a process for evaluating the interlibrary loan service provided to member libraries, and he hopes to start that process in March after work has been completed on member library state annual reports. Krumwiede spoke to the Seymour library board earlier this month, and he will be speaking to the Black Creek library board next month.

Krumwiede informed the Board about issues with Acceptance Page on the wireless network that is used by most OWLSnet libraries. WiFi users are required to agree to conditions before being allowed to use the network, but an increasing number of wireless devices (e.g., inexpensive E-book readers) don't have web browsers and, consequently, are unable to click on the "Agree" button. Krumwiede and Computer Network Manager Dave Bacon are looking into other options, including the ramifications of removing the Acceptance Page. A decision is likely to be made at the March AAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The current membership agreements with OWLS libraries expire at the end of 2012. These agreements are required for public libraries to belong to the system and participate in all system services. The new agreement is very similar to past membership agreements, and Krumwiede reviewed the proposed changes. Bloedow moved, seconded by Trentlage, to approve entering into the proposed agreement with OWLS member libraries. Motion carried.

Annually the President appoints members to the Personnel Committee which advises the director and makes recommendations to the Board on personnel matters. Gilbert reported that he was not prepared to make the appointments and would do so at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by President Gilbert at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Girod
Secretary/Treasurer