

**Columbus Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room**

Pete Kaland called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Pete Kaland, Amanda Wakeman, Nora Vieau, Jim Schieble, Trina Reid, Shirley Berkley, Merry Anderson, Dana Pike, Sue Salter, Deb Haeffner

Adoption of the Agenda: Dana moved and Jim seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Disposition of Minutes: Shirley moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the Minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: CDAR 2 renews 7/18/24 at 5.20%. SCLS Foundation account is up \$11,267.07. Disbursement from checking account of \$2,705.61 for outdoor equipment. Sue moved and Nora seconded a motion to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Bills of \$9,262.17 submitted.. Jim moved and Nora seconded a motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Summer Reading Program running through August 9 with 400 people signed up, 100 more than last year. June featured story walk from Columbia County ADRC for *Grandpa and Lucy* which deals with Alzheimer's. Popular programs in June included author talk with Becky Weidner from The Workshop, Wisconsin Breweries presentation by Jim Draeger, and the new After Hours Book Club for people who work and cannot attend earlier. We welcomed Valerie Biel back to teach a Tween Writing Lab on Monday afternoons.

Library stats noted library usage across all categories is up especially demand for meeting rooms 2024 YTD 395 compared to 2023 YTD 157.

Upcoming Programs:

June 25-July 16 – Great Lakes, Small Streams exhibit from Wisconsin Historical Society
July 2 – Dinosaur Dimensions sponsored by Friends of the Columbus Public Library
June 26 – Badger Talk by Doug Bradley: *Who'll Stop the Rain*
June 27 – Community discussion and meal for *Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body* by Rebecca Taussig
July 13 – Royal Guernsey Creamery presentation on butter
July 16 – Ms. Kim's Amazing Animals on the Library Lawn
July 17 – The Remember Project-In the Garden in coordination with the Columbia County ADRC

July 20 – Antiques Roadshow Appraiser Mark Moran sponsored by the Friends of the Columbus Public Library

Continuing Programs: Babies on Blankets, Toddler Yoga, Music & Motion
Adult Book Groups: Non-fiction, Thursday Afternoon, Thursday Evening, Book and A Movie Screening

Buildings: TAS performed annual inspection of all AC units; ready for summer.

Meetings: SCLS Delivery Committee met on June 13

Amanda attended Department Head meetings May 22 and June 5
City of Columbus Personnel Committee continues to meet every other Tuesday
Staff encouraged to attend Strategic Plan session for city employees either June 13 or 25.

Director's Goals: Amanda continues work with City personnel committee to create a cohesive personnel handbook that includes CPL. Staff meeting to review SLP. Weeding of collection continues. Nine people attended first meeting of After Hours Book Club in response to request for later book discussion group. See Summer Reading Program.

President's Report: Pete attended City meeting and participated in breakout group.

Friends of the Library: Sales slow and donations down presumably to time of year.

Literacy Council Report: None

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: None. Pete asked if CPL does exit interviews. Yes, with no negative comments; resignations due to personal reasons/other career options.

Building and Grounds Committee: None

Trustee Training:

Merry presented "Membership in the Public Library System."

"System" was created by state legislature in 1971. Currently there are 17 Systems in Wisconsin. (CPL is in South Central Library System.) A System unites one local library with many libraries. The goal is to provide all WI residents with high quality library services including music, movies/TV and technology. No library is required to be part of the System but residents anywhere in the state gain improved/expanded services and can use any library in their area. The cooperative nature of a System results in economies of scale. No one gets everything but everyone benefits.

Membership in a System means the library must participate in interlibrary loan and provide all residents in the System with the same services on the same terms as local residents. Requirements: Library must be established/operated under WI Statutes

Chapter 43; County must belong to System; Municipal governing body must authorize participation; Library Board must approve participation; Library must employ a certified director, be open avg. 20 hours/week, and spend min. \$2500 on materials.

County Membership Requirements: Must approve county library plan & provide financial support to administer; must agree to participate in System & furnish services to county residents who do not live in library municipality.

To receive state aid, System must provide: Technology & resource sharing; referral/routing of reference & interlibrary loan requests; electronic delivery of information & physical delivery of materials; training; professional consulting; support for special need services; back-up services; planning with other libraries; System agreements with other Systems.

To be a good System member libraries must communicate and participate.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Election of Officers: Current slate of officers volunteered to continue their service. Shirley moved and Sue seconded a motion to retain current officers. Motion carried.

2024 Officers are: Pete Kaland, President; Nora Vieau, Vice President; Jim Schieble, Treasurer; Merry Anderson, Secretary

New Hires: Jim moved and Deb seconded a motion to approve hiring Kristi Higgins as Marketing Assistant and Kristen Hart as Library Clerk effective July 8. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Jim moved and Deb seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m..

Next scheduled board meeting—July 16, 2024, at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted.
Merry Anderson, Secretary