



Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Monday, April 5, 2021

5:00 PM

Video Conference

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Call to Order

Present: Kathy Ivey, Sue Anglehart, Katie Bittner, Aaron Engel, Araysa Simpson, Gary Padesky (6:13 pm)

Absent: Jodi Ehrenberger, Shelley Hay, Keonte Turner

Vice-Chair, Kathy Ivey, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Introduction - Superintendent of La Crosse Schools, Dr. Aaron Engel

Shanneon introduced Dr. Engel who shared more of his background, as well as his connection with libraries and prior library board service. Board members then introduced themselves. As Cat Ellingson's term has ended, Dr. Engel will be coming on board as the representative from the La Crosse School District.

2. Review of WRLSWeb Services Provided and Received

Shanneon noted the reason for the WRLSWeb services review is both in response to a request from Board members, as well as in preparation for a forthcoming updated WRLSWeb Agreement. Documents are in the process of being updated as two more WRLS libraries are joining the WRLSWeb Consortium. If LPL wishes to continue being part of the consortium, LPL's Board will need to approve the updated agreement in the near future. Shanneon presented information comparing benefits and concerns, as well as membership fees and compensation paid to LPL for contracted services. Lou Kalis noted his concern for security with the delay in updates to system firewalls. Shanneon noted that some cooperative discussion is happening regarding the cataloging standards concern. Staff shared their thoughts, including how materials selection is made with consideration of belonging to the consortium. Although the discussion may be revisited in the future, Board members expressed consensus that for the time being, the benefits of remaining in the WRLSWeb consortium outweigh the negatives, particularly regarding patron access and service. The Board felt that it would be helpful to have Kristen Anderson on the agenda regularly, possibly annually. Shanneon will email the link to Kristen's last video presentation and will invite her back later in the year when in-person meetings are possible again.

3. Review of Patron Expectations and Behavior Guidelines

The guidelines were last reviewed in 2018. The Patron Relations specialist researched other organizations' guidelines and updated the document for managers' review. Special consideration was taken with alternatives to suspending juveniles and educating patrons about the policies before taking stronger measures to enforce. Wisconsin State Statute section 43.52(2) was also added citing the Board's authority in excluding use for willful violators. This updated document will be on next week's meeting agenda for Board approval.

4. Consideration of Future Committee of the Whole Topics

Shanneon noted that other policy priorities are being addressed and will be brought before the Committee of the Whole as they are finalized. Fundraising was mentioned as an important issue. The Board would also like to invite the new mayor to speak at a future Board meeting.

Adjournment

Kathy Ivey adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 6:14 p.m.