

**Washington County Library Board**  
Washington County Library Administrative Offices  
Woodbury, MN  
April 11, 2012

Rescheduled from March 26, 2012 (cancelled due to lack of quorum)

**Present**

**Board:** Judy Bull, Gary Kriesel, Sara Meyer, Norm Nickerson, Marie Skinner

**Staff:** Pat Conley, Cheri Drabczak, Joe Manion, Amy Worwa

**1. Call to Order**

Bull called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Recognition of Public**

Ken Stone, Library Partners and Tim Harlow, Minneapolis Star & Tribune

**3. Adoption of Agenda/Consent Calendar Approval**

Kriesel moved adoption of the Agenda and Nickerson seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed. Nickerson moved adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting and consent calendar including donations. Skinner seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

**4. Unfinished and New Business**

A. Library Partners-Challenge Grant Opportunity – Conley introduced Ken Stone who is President of the Washington County Library Partners Board. Mr. Stone reported that an anonymous donor gave the Library Partners a matching grant of \$10,000 if they could raise another \$10,000 by September 30, 2012. The first campaign the partners would like to start with is “2012 in 2012” and have the donation go towards the purchasing 2012 items for the collection with an emphasis on children’s and large print books. The donation would support the whole library system. Member of the Library Partners will be making phone calls and writing letters. Conley suggested the next step is to present the information to the county board and will work on a date. Bull congratulated and thanked him for his presentation.

B. Annual Report to State & Performance Measures Report - Joe Manion, Public Services Manager, gave a Powerpoint presentation summarizing the 2011 updated statistics. This Powerpoint presentation will be included with the board packet for the next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the annual statistics, where we stand nationwide, how large our collection is and what it is worth. Also discussed were the reductions made to library collection, programs, and personnel by the end of 2011.

Bull thanked Manion for his presentation.

C. Strategic Framework 2012 and Beyond: Work Plan, Next Steps-Conley reported on the responses from interviews held for work plans for 2012 and Beyond. Concerns were technology, maintaining what we have and open more days. Stillwater and Bayport want their boards to meet with our board to have discussions about the future. Nickerson moved to approve the Work Plan with the dates removed. Skinner seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

## **5. Directors Report**

- A. Use of Meeting Rooms-A discussion ensued regarding making an exception to using the Park Grove meeting room commercial use. Conley stated this is against our Meeting Room Policy and will not allow the exception because the room is need for other library activities.
- B. Materials Reconsideration Process: Review & Update-Conley discussed what is done when people oppose books or movies. If there is an appeal, it can only be made as high as the Library Board.

## **6. Board Reports**

- A. Board President's Report-there was no report
- B. Board Members' Reports-Meyers reported that the "2012 Extending Ourselves" have an open house on June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10-2 at the Valley Library in Lakeland. She will be inviting people of Lakeland to visit the library for fun and activities and will pass out a survey to gather data to get good publicity out there. She has a staff of volunteers ready and invites the board to greet people. Kriesel asked that Meyer go to the Lower Alliance Meeting of Mayors, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, to make a presentation on the information gathered. Conley suggested having open houses at two other libraries also.

## **7. Adjournment**

The chair, Bull, adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2012, at 6:30 p. m. at the Library Administrative Offices.