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MINUTES

DODGE COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 21, 2015

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1. <u>Call to order & Roll Call</u>: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Alex Harvancik at 2:00 p.m. Present were, MaryAnn Miller, Sue Cantrell, and Tracy Scheffler. Absent: Alixe Bielot. Others: County Administrator Jim Mielke, Hustisford Library Director Candace Graulich and Connie Schuett, Juneau Librarian.

2. <u>Review Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System / Potential Impacts to Dodge County Municipal Libraries</u>:
   a. Sue Cantrell provided a history of the present three county library system (Dodge, Washington and Jefferson Counties). Jefferson County will be leaving the system as of January 1, 2016. The loss of Jefferson County will negatively impact the amount of state aid received by the MWFLS as the funding formula calculation includes population, geographic area and budgets). It was also noted that the Randolph municipal library will be leaving to join the South Central library system in January 2016.

   Sue indicated the MWFLS will need to be restructured – currently staff members are weighing options of staying or leaving. The system is located on Clinton Street in Horicon and the system board is reviewing options related to the future of the property (the building is debt free). At this time, the system board hopes to have their 2016 budget finalized by the end of June.

   Looking ahead, there are options for consideration. These include;
   - create a bare bones budget for 2016 in order to proper sufficient time to analyze options for 2017
   - merge with another system
     - both counties merge together into another system or each county go their separate way
   - maintain a two county system (Dodge – Washington)
   - others?

3. <u>Plan for Service</u>: The Committee reviewed the original April 2009 Plan for Service and the updated September 2014 Plan for Service.

4. <u>Set Next Meeting Date</u>: 1:00 p.m. August 20, 2015.

5. <u>Adjournment</u>: Motion by Miller, 2nd by Scheffler to adjourn. Motion carried, Time: 3:10 p.m.

James Mielke
County Administrator