

## MINUTES

### DODGE COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 8, 2015

1. Call to order & Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Alex Harvancik at 1:04 p.m. Present were, MaryAnn Miller, Sue Cantrell, Tracy Scheffler, Alixe Bielot Absent: None. Others: County Administrator Jim Mielke, Elizabeth Daniels (Iron Ridge Public Library); Jennifer Ginwalter (Jack Russell Memorial Library – Hartford); Mary Ann Bodden (Theresa Public Library); Connie Schuett (Juneau Public Library) Mary Louise Jensen, Candy Graulich (Hustisford Public Library); Sue Mevis, ( City of Beaver Dam);
2. Election of Officers: Motion by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scheffler to retain the same slate of officers for the 2015-2016 term. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Consideration of Minutes: August 20, 2015: Motion by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cantrell to approve the August 20, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. Status Update: Mid Wisconsin Federated Library System: Sue Cantrell provided an overview of recent MWFLS Board discussions / actions related to the future of the system. To assist with the exploration of a system merger, a consultant has been retained at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. The consultant is Bruce Smith of the Wisconsin Library Service. It was noted that the Wisconsin Library Service is a non-profit organization that works with libraries; it is not affiliated with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The MWFLS Board has also formed a merger exploration committee. The composition of the committee would include the system's strategic planning committee with the addition of two members from Washington and Dodge counties. The initial thought is the overall size of the exploration committee would be ten. This would include one a member of the Washington County Board of Supervisors and a member of the Dodge County Library Planning Committee. Discussion followed, by consensus the MaryAnn Miller would be the Dodge County Library Planning Committee member participating in the merger exploration committee.

The Committee reviewed the draft letter directed to the Board of Trustees of the MWFLS by Dodge County Library Planning Committee. The Library Planning Committee agrees to refrain from investigating joining another system as a single county during the review process based on the following conditions.

- Require the investigative process conducted by MWFLS include the hiring of an outside consultant with the expertise to best serve the interest of Dodge County libraries.
- Require the investigative process along with the MWFLS recommendation to be presented to the Dodge County Library Planning Committee no later than November 25, 2015.

Motion by Bielot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scheffler to finalize and authorize the submittal of the letter from the Dodge County Library Planning Committee to the Mid- Wisconsin Federated Library System. Motion carried.

5. Set Next Meeting Date: Consensus of the Committee to schedule a meeting for 1:00 p.m. Tuesday December 8, 2015.
6. Motion by Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bielot to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 1:35 p.m.