



2010 WISCONSIN LIBRARY OF THE YEAR

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Minutes

Monona Public Library Board
Board Room
Monday, March 28, 2016, 7 pm

I. Roll Call

Library Board Trustees Present: Todd Stebbins, Vice President; Doug Wood, Alderperson; Jennifer Fonner, School Board Representative; Brett Blomme, Sue Carr and Val Edwards, Community Representatives

Library Staff Present: Erick Plumb, Library Director; Sally Buffat, Business Coordinator

Trustee Absent with Prior Approval: Ben Redding, President

II. Call to Order

Presiding Officer Stebbins called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

III. Appearances

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2016

Trustee Edwards motioned, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve the February 16, 2016, minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Bill Payments, February 8 – March 24, 2016

B. Approval of Financial Report, February 2016

Trustee Edwards motioned, seconded by Alder Wood, to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Library Director Report

A. Administrative Report February through Mid-March

B. Amended Internet Access Policy

C. Fundraising Update

Director Plumb offered the 20-hour/week Children's Librarian position to a candidate who declined the offer in lieu of continuing as a stay-at-home parent. The other finalists were not the right fit so the posting was re-opened. We received a disappointing response with only 2 qualified applications. The position has been posted again.

SCLS alerted us to a weird self-check incident this month; from March 1 - 14, computer code got switched from MOO to MAD, so our self-check circulations were being credited to Madison Public Library instead of Monona Public Library. Not only did Monona lose credit for those circulations, our patrons were being charged Madison library fines. SCLS staff was able to solve the problem quickly.

E-rate Discussion

Monona Library has been a pilot site for iBoss filtering and staff has been encouraged to test the capabilities and limitations of the filter.

What is pornography; how does iBoss define "pornography"; how does iBoss determine what to block? The exact criteria iBoss uses to define pornography needs to be answered by SCLS staff; Plumb will invite Greg Barniskis back for the April Board Meeting. In iBoss, Porn.com is considered pornography; Google, Wikipedia, Craigslist, Amazon, Tumblr, Reddit, Twitter and other sites are not filtered, even though they may contain graphic nudity. Another question SCLS staff will need to answer is about record retention if a patron bypasses to block.

Wood raised the question, if there was no monetary incentive for the library to implement these policy changes, would the view of the Director or the Board be different? Or do we think it's a good idea even without the money? One- to two thousand dollars (\$1,000-\$2,000) is a relatively small financial incentive.

The point was made that filtering would block things that are already illegal. Although adult porn is not illegal, it is illegal to view it where a child could view, i.e., in the library building or on library grounds. And the point was made that if a patron is blocked, he or she could override the filter and continue searching or viewing using the library Wi-Fi.

Wood also asked about how many instances of patrons viewing pornography have occurred to Plumb's knowledge and how were those instances were brought to staff's attention? Plumb reported that he interacts with patrons viewing pornography in the library about once/month or approximately 18 times / year; typically pornography viewing is noticed by staff as they are walking about the building or when another patron comes to the desk to complain.

Trustee Edwards asked about section VII. Illegal and Unacceptable Uses of Library Internet, examples of unacceptable use #L. She suggested modifying it to read: "Potentially exposing children to harmful materials as defined by Sec.948.11 Wisconsin Statutes." It was further suggested that the State Statutory language defining "harmful material" be written out.

Presiding officer Stebbins asked if the Board wanted to move forward with a public meeting in April. Each member of the Board responded in the affirmative.

Plumb asked Board member to come to the Library to spend 20 minutes searching artistic and medical sites to see for themselves how the filter works and what it blocks.

Out of order:

IX. Announcements

- A. Next Monona Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 19 at 7 pm
- B. Board Appreciation Event for Library Staff and Volunteers, March 31, 6:15 pm

The Board appreciation event for Library Staff and Volunteers will be in the main library near the windows overlooking Winnequah Park.

VII. Closed Session

- A. Under Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation of Any Public Employee Over Which the Government Body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility (Performance Evaluation).

Trustee Blomme motioned, seconded by Trustee Edwards to go into closed session.
Motion passed by roll call at 8:20 p.m.

VIII. Reconvene in Open Session Under Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85

Alder Wood motioned, seconded by Trustee Edwards, to reconvene in open session.
Motion passed unanimously at 10 o'clock p.m.

The Board approved Director Plumb's salary increase for 2016.

XI. Adjournment

Alder Wood motioned, seconded by Trustee Blomme, to adjourn the meeting.
Presiding Officer Stebbins adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Sally Buffat
Approved April 19, 2016