

Oscar Grady Library Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016

Members & Guests Present

Present: Kris Becker, Joe Caban, Jen Gerber, Sonia Lear, Heidi Rettler, Tyler Quaas.

Absent: Kay Hamann, Mary Jo Hansen, Hope Mullins.

Guests: Amy Birtell (ESLS – Director).

1) Call to Order

Sonia Lear called the meeting of the Oscar Grady Library Board to order at 6:02P.

2) Statement of Public Notice

The Statement of Public Notice was properly posted.

3) Citizen Comments

None.

4) Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings

The minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting were approved as amended. The March meeting was canceled; no minutes were taken.

5) Financial Report

A motion was made, seconded, and passed authorizing payment of the February & March 2016 CSRF bills and accepting the February & March 2016 General Fund Financial Reports.

6) Governor's Award - Nomination

J. Gerber presented the library's nomination for the Wisconsin Historical Records Governor's Award for the Digital Media Conversion Lab. J. Gerber wrote the narrative describing the project and how the community and others outside the community have responded to the lab, as well as the impact made by the Lab upon the community and outside the community. Various press releases, photos, and historical documents were also submitted. The entire staff worked together on the submittal packet for three weeks. The award will be presented to the winner at the end of May 2016.

7) Amy Birtell – ESLS Director

Birtell reviewed the merger process between ESLS & MWFLS. There have been 4 joint negotiating meetings so far. Information is available at the website, www.mwesmerge.org and by e-mail at esls-mwfls@mwfls.org. There are 6 people from each system on the Joint Merger Committee, for a total of 12 members. There are also 12 members on the ESLS Internal Merger Committee. The current timeline projects a decision about proceeding or not proceeding with the merger at the end of June 2016.

8) ESLS – MWFLS Merger Update

J. Gerber shared several documents regarding the merger with the board. The first draft document describes a weighted voting model that is being proposed for the new system. The second draft document describes circulation loan periods. The third document was generated with information from the DPI regarding the libraries in the four counties.

The directors of MWFLS & ESLS are discussing a moratorium collection. In this type of collection, the owning library purchases and retains new items for a set period of time for patrons coming to the brick & mortar building to check out items. Local holds first and in demand collections are also part of this discussion.

9) Director's Report

J. Gerber did not have any additional items to discuss.

10) Communications

None.

11) Other Matters

J. Caban spoke with Robert Nitsch (ESLS-IT) about an ESLS Tech Committee. The committee has met and discussed networking issues, legacy accounts, shared accounts, password changes, and termination checklists. Members are from Sheboygan, Mequon, Grafton, Cedarburg, and Saukville. J. Caban felt this was a very positive development.

12) Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:58P. The next meeting date will be Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Heidi Rettler