

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Arrowhead Library System Office

April 13, 2011

ALS President Richard Bostwick called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Also present were Bill Wilson, Doug Derby, Jane Thompson, Doreen Dalman, Eloise Eager, Kristi Howe, Beloit Public Library Director, and ALS Director, Ruth Ann Montgomery.

The March 2011 minutes were approved on a motion by Doug Derby. Bill Wilson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

March bills were approved on a motion by Eloise Eager and seconded by Eloise Bill Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

Jane Thompson urged the ALS Board to send a letter to the Janesville School District in support of Library Media Specialists. They offer the primary technology services and training in the district, as well as the library instruction, reference and other media services. The School Board has released 19 in the Janesville School District. The head of the Janesville School District library media area is retiring at the end of the year. It was a consensus of all present to send a letter of support to keep the library media specialists.

Montgomery reported that Library Legislative Day was March 22, 2011. More than 200 people attended from around the state. Martha Gammons, Ruth Ann Montgomery, Michelle Dennis, board members, and Bryan McCormick visited with representatives and senators. There is a joint finance committee meeting at Blackhawk Technical College on Wednesday, April 20, 1-6 p.m. Local state representatives have been invited to attend. In addition, several people will be meeting on April 18, at the Edgerton Public Library with Rep. Wynn, from Whitewater.

The Big Read is in progress with Edgar Allen Poe's works as the theme. There have been several successful programs, including Hedberg and Milton. Others are in the planning stage. This is a program in cooperation with UW-Whitewater.

Annual report statistics have been completed. The statistics were used to create "Fast Facts" to compare 2005 statistics of library use and cost, with those of 2010. The information was given to legislators during our visit. There has been an increase in inter-library loan over last year and we expect this trend to continue. The number of visits to the libraries in Rock County, and circulation has increased with a minimal increase in staffing during those five years. Automation plays some part in the increased services, without increased staff.

There is still no word on the remaining funds for the LSTA grants.

The board workshop is scheduled for Saturday May 21, with John DeBacher.

Personnel committee met and had preliminary discussions about director's salary and evaluation. Montgomery said that the budget she plans to present to the board will have a 0% increase in staff salaries.

The ALS Board meeting will be at the Edgerton Public Library on May 11, 2011.

Doreen Dalman moved to adjourn and Richard Bostwick seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:34.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Ann Montgomery, Secretary