

Green County Library Board Meeting Monday, June 24, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Albany Public Library Minutes

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by President Ellefson
2. Roll call: Craig Ellefson, Beth Blahut, Ann Mueller, Mike Furgal. Library directors in attendance: Suzann Holland of Monroe, Carolyn Seaver of Albany, and Katrina Linde-Moriarty of Monticello, Bronna Lehmann of Belleville. Mark Ibach from SCLS was present.
3. Election of officers: Trustee Furgal nominated Ellefson for President, Trustee Mueller seconded; Ellefson was voted in by acclamation. President Ellefson nominated Trustee Mueller for Vice-president, Trustee Furgal seconded; Mueller was voted in by acclamation. Trustee Mueller nominated Trustee Blahut as Secretary, seconded by Trustee Furgal; Blahut was voted in by acclamation.
4. Approval of agenda: Trustee Furgal moved to approve the agenda; Trustee Mueller seconded. Motion carried.
5. Approval of minutes of April 2019, meeting: Trustee Furgal moved to approve the minutes; Trustee Mueller seconded. Motion carried.
6. Public comments: None.
7. Board correspondence: None
8. Reports:
 - a. South Central Library System report by Mark Ibach:
 - There is a new hire, funded by LTA money, working on a digitization project.
 - Annual report preparation work is under way, including population statistics review.
 - There will be a change in budget management. The budget used to combine counties, but in 2020 Green Co. will be responsible for writing its own checks in county reimbursement.
 - b. County libraries:
 - Belleville report by Bronna Lehmann:
 - Summer reading program has good numbers, due in part to library visits, facilitated by the school, for each student K-6.
 - In June, they changed the fine policy-no juvenile late fees if items are returned. -Construction project is on hold, pending financing approval.
 - Outreach this summer includes the popular library-sponsored program, Music in the Park.
 - Albany report by Carol Seaver:
 - Summer reading program-the first week was slow, but numbers are growing. Prizes are focused on activities rather than things.

-Outreach included an Earth Day event in April in collaboration with the community.

-The story-time staff collaborates with the nursing home to combine activities for children and the elderly.

Monticello report by Katrina Linde-Moriarty: see attachment

Monroe report by Suzann Holland: see attachment

New Glarus report by Holly Lague: see attachment

9. Old/new business:

-All board members agreed to brainstorm during this meeting about strategies to increase funding from the County.

-The Board members agreed that it was a good idea to create a brief report to give to the county supervisors. The idea was to make a one-page hand-out with photos, data and stories about SLP. Most of the focus would be on the photos that tell stories and the accompanying data would be very simple. The simple message would be that our services provide benefits to our communities and that quality of life in our communities is measured on the strength of our libraries, among other features. The approach would be to show how much libraries do in spite of decreasing circulation numbers. This hand-out would help us educate the county supervisors and build a case for increased funding.

-Ellefson asked that the library directors provide photos and stories to compile this data on SLP. He will put it together to include in the envelopes given to county supervisors for the Sept. finance meeting. Send stories to Ellefson.

10. Next meeting: 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug 26, 2019, Belleville

11. Adjourn: Trustee Mueller motioned to adjourn. Trustee Furgal seconded. Motion carried.

Beth Blahut, Secretary