

MINUTES
MORE Directors Council
Friday, September 17, 2021

Present/Attending: Leslie LaRose (AU), Rita Magno (BA), Lisa Kuebli (BN), Megan Taylor (BB), Ginny Julson (BO), Kathryn Stempf (BR), Samma Johnson (CA), Dawn Ayers (CM), Carol Burnham (CH), Joe Niese (CF), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Rob Ankarlo (CU), Barbara Krueger (DP), Leann French (DR), Pamela Westby (EC), Tiffany Meyer (EL), Jenna Beyer (EW), Rozanne Traczek (FA), Charlene Conradi (FC), Kris Surbaugh (FR), Rochel Karlson (GC), John Thompson (IFLS), Hollis Helmecci (LA), Jill Glover (LU), Joleen Sterk (ME), Bonnie Carl (MI), Monica LaVold (NR), Shelby Friendshuh (OS), Deb Hyde (PF), Rebecca Puhl (PH), Kayla Campbell (PC), Carissa Langer (PR), Katherine Elchert (RL), Tanya Misselt (RF), Tori Schoess (RO), Shelly Rae (SA), Kristina Kelley-Johnson (SO), Su Leslie (SC).

Proxy: John Thompson for Linda Heimstead (BL), Barbara Krueger for Michelle Johnson (HA), Carol Burnham for Mary Hebda (OG), Rochel Karlson for Christy Rundquist (PE), Ginny Julson for Katie Schneider (SV), Katherine Elchert for Allison Lutz (TL), Barbara Krueger for Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (WO).

Also Present: Lori Roholt, Kathy Setter, Bridget Krejci, Deb Faulhaber, Maureen Welch, Joanne Gardner.

Absent: R. Arndt/M. Spangler (AL), Amy Stormberg (AM), Anna Griffin (CE), Cricket LaFond (CL), Lori Gilles (DU), M. Page/S. Tougas (HU), Elizabeth Miniatt (ST).

CALL TO ORDER:

Rae (SA) called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Johnson (CA) established quorum by roll call vote.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW:

Certification of compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Niese (CF) moved to approve the agenda. Sterk (ME) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Thompson (IFLS) moved to approve the minutes dated July 16, 2021. Helmecci (LA) seconded. Motion carried.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Helmecci (LA) noted that Ladysmith will be fine free beginning January 2022. Helmecci is leaving her position as director at the end of December.

Puhl (PH) stated that Phillips will be closed during installation of carpeting.

Johnson (CA) announced that Cadott received a \$1,000 grant from the Chippewa County Community Foundation response recovery funds. It can be used to buy materials for job seekers, mental health, and creating some job seeker kits. They will also purchase one Chrome book and a resume-building book. Other items include two social media marketing kits that include a ring light and headset. These can be used to do videos and interviews. Other items include materials for small businesses. These materials will be made available to everyone.

Thompson (IFLS) noted that Hudson is not at today's meeting. The library received extensive storm damage from the prior night. A beach house roof across the street from the library blew into the glass lobby area. The library is closed until damage is cleared and repaired.

Niese (CF) noted that Chippewa Falls will be receiving new doors. The original doors were from 1969. The library will also push to get an emergency exit that is accessible for all.

LaVold (NR) announced that discovery kits in the library's collection will be added to the catalog. They will only allow local holds. There are 30 stem-based kits that can be used by anyone. The Youth Services department headed up this project. The kits include items such as a full-sized telescope and microscope.

Sterk (ME) stated that Menomonie received a grant through Health Done Right which will be used to install a storywalk at the park. Sterk offered a shout-out to Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls for developing a plan and vendors. The grand unveiling is hoped to be made in the spring of 2022.

Leslie (SC) received an engineering grant, and they are building a few kits similar to New Richmond.

Kelley-Johnson (SO) noted that Somerset held their grand opening for the remodel yesterday. The event went over well and included a fun monster hunt. Kelley-Johnson thanked Kilde for her assistance in marketing and to Thompson, Kilde, and Setter for attending.

Magno (BA) is the new director at Baldwin. Rebecca Dixen retired June 1st. Magno comes from Alma, Wisconsin.

French (DR) offered thanks to St. Croix Falls for serving 400 school-aged children for storytime during the 10 weeks of summer reading. Dresser noted that the number was 10 times their normal turnout.

Westby (EC) announced the storywalk at Eau Claire is featuring Hmong authentic representation and culture and includes translations. A fall event is being planning in the parks with Hmong dancers and celebration. Westby noted that the walls and framework for the third floor are going up. It is exciting to see the renovations coming together. The management team toured the building which demo work has been completed and they are beginning the re-build.

Rae (SA) noted that Sand Creek is involved in a collaboration for a virtual team trivia.

Burnham (CH) stated that Chetek is begun hosting Barron County Workforce resources at the library once a month. It is scheduled for the third Thursday of the month. It is available for those not able to get to the Rice Lake workforce offices.

MORE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Roholt is working on getting MORE's library app setup and getting library location information. Let Roholt know if there are questions.

The server upgrade on September 7th was successful. Another disruption will occur Monday afternoon for the Sierra upgrade. An hour of downtime at noon is expected. Roholt will post messages and email to keep libraries informed.

Rita Magno, newly hired director at Baldwin, was welcomed to the MORE council.

IFLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Thompson (IFLS) noted the IFLS Board of Trustees will be meeting on September 22nd and finalizing the budget for 2022. One new recommendation for next year is to add a new IFLS staff person. IFLS has the opportunity to restructure job positions in the spring of 2022 with staff retirements. IFLS is planning to provide a public services consultant to IFLS to help with adult programming and a backup for some things Thompson does. It is anticipated this new position will be hired in the spring of 2022.

IFLS will be receiving some additional funding from the state for 2022 and 2023.

ISSUES/REPORTS FROM MORE COMMITTEES:

Puhl (PH) noted that the Operations Committee supported Resource Sharing and Collection Development's recommendation to cancel holds sitting out there.

They also updated the damaged items procedure. More information is posted on the MORE website. There is a better breakdown on the steps to follow.

They will also be putting information out on how to deal with patrons sent to collection agencies. Materials recovery service is the new term. It is hoped training can be offered on how to talk to patrons regarding the implications of materials recovery.

The chair of the Bibliographics Records and Standards Committee was not able to be at today's meeting. Roholt noted minutes from September 13th were posted. There was discussion about subject headings. The plan is to discontinue MORE's use of four Library of Congress authorized subject headings. There is a broad movement among catalogers, that the Library of Congress is not always on top of inclusive terms. The change will be for MORE. Westby (EC) inquired if there was a global movement to advocate for some of the changes or if the American Library Association has taken a stand on it. Roholt isn't aware of any particular ways to get involved right now. Roholt will keep it on the radar and share opportunities as she hears of them. Roholt posted a link Thompson shared on some suggested action steps.

**TIMETABLE AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR
RE-ADDING CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
AS A MORE MEMBER:**

The Directors Council needs to approve the timetable and schedule of payments for re-adding Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) as a MORE member.

CVTC was one of the original MORE libraries. They left in 2006 to join a technical college consortium. They found that there was not a lot of robust services through that consortium. There was no resource sharing nor sharing of records. They are looking for expanded access for patrons. CVTC has several campuses in the IFLS area, but just one library location in Eau Claire. Because CVTC was an original MORE library, there is confidence this can work again.

CVTC is coming from Sierra, and they have a good amount of technical services expertise. Roholt anticipates a smooth transition with CVTC once again live on MORE on July 1, 2022.

Startup costs of \$40,500 was approved by the IFLS Board of Trustees a couple years ago. CVTC will also pay migration costs charged by Innovative, our Sierra vendor. The start up fee of \$40,500 by CVTC to IFLS will be paid by December 31, 2021.

Westby (EC) moved to approve the timetable and schedule of payments for re-adding Chippewa Valley Technical College as a MORE member. Helmeci (LA) seconded. Motion carried.

**FUTURE DIRECTORS' COUNCIL MEETINGS,
DATES AND FORMAT:**

Future Directors Council meetings, dates and format were discussed by the Executive Committee. The standard third Friday meeting date for the Directors Council on

November 19th is also the last day of the WLA Conference. It was suggested that the November Directors Council meeting be bumped up one week to November 12th.

The Executive Committee also advised that Directors Council meetings be held online only at least through the end of 2021. Chippewa Valley Technical College's meeting facilities are not current equipped to host hybrid meetings.

ADJOURN:

Karlson (GC) moved to adjourn at 10:54 am. Misselt (RF) seconded. Motion carried.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder