

**MINUTES**  
**MORE Directors Council**  
*Friday, November 12, 2021*

**Present/Attending:** Amy Stormberg (AM), Leslie LaRose (AU), Linda Heimstead (BL), Megan Taylor (BB), Ginny Julson (BO), Kathryn Stempf (BR), Samma Johnson (CA), Dawn Ayers (CM), Carol Burnham (CH), Cricket LaFond (CL), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Rob Ankarlo (CU), Barbara Krueger (DP), Leann French (DR), Tiffany Meyer (EL), Jenna Beyer (EW), Rozanne Traczek (FA), Charlene Conradi (FC), Kris Surbaugh (FR), Rochel Karlson (GC), M. Page/S. Tougas (HU), John Thompson (IF), Joleen Sterk (ME), Bonnie Carl (MI), Monica LaVold (NR), Mary Hebda (OG), Christy Rundquist (PE), Rebecca Puhl (PH), Kayla Campbell (PC), Carissa Langer (PR), Katherine Elchert (RL), Tori Schoess (RO), Shelly Rae (SA), Kristina Kelley-Johnson (SO), Katie Schneider (SV), Su Leslie (SC), Elizabeth Miniatt (ST), Allison Lutz (TL), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (WO).

**Proxy:** John Thompson for Shelby Friendshuh (OS), Rebecca Puhl for Deb Hyde (PF).

**Also Present:** Lori Roholt, Kathy Setter, Bridget Krejci, Maureen Welch, Rebecca Kilde, Joanne Gardner.

**Absent:** R. Arndt/M. Spangler (AL), Hope Melander proxy for Rita Magno (BA), Lisa Kuebli (BN), Anna Griffin (CE), Joe Niese (CF), Lori Gilles (DU), Shelly Collins-Fuerbringer (EC), Michelle Johnson (HA), Hollis Helmecci (LA), Jill Glover (LU), Tanya Misselt (RF).

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Elchert (RL) called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**ESTABLISH A QUORUM:**

Johnson (CA) established a quorum by roll call vote.

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE  
WITH OPEN MEETING LAW:**

Certification of compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

**AGENDA:**

*Campbell (PC) moved to approve the agenda. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) seconded. Motion carried.*

**MINUTES:**

*Rundquist (PE) moved to approve the minutes dated September 17, 2021. Karlson (GC) seconded. Motion carried.*

## **LIBRARY NEWS:**

Rundquist (PE) noted that Pepin was approved and received over \$900 for an East Asia Grant from UW-Madison. They have provided a list of books and DVD's that can be purchased.

Hudson library will remain closed until the end of April due to the significant storm damage. They will be offering full curbside services soon once all books are cleaned. They will not have the ability to reshelve items once returned. It has been a challenging time for the library.

LaVold (NR) announced that New Richmond is kicking off their library building project. A developer has been hired.

Ankarlo (CU) noted that Cumberland is working on a countryside delivery/drop-off program. They are planning to meet people in the rural communities once a month and patrons can hopefully call ahead with reservations. The goal is to increase accessibility to libraries and build relationships with the Native American community.

Johnson (CA) announced that Cadott was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Green Bay Packer Foundation. Grant monies can be used to purchase sports equipment for the park and also materials in the library. \$2,000 will be spent on equipment and \$1,000 in materials.

Leslie (SC) noted that St. Croix Falls is offering a Niche Academy page now through January. Anne Hamland did most of the work.

Meyer (EL) held a fundraising gala and raised \$55,000. They also received \$100,000 from Bremer and some funds from Royal Credit Union. It was found the building will need an asbestos abatement.

Amy Stormberg's (AM) last day at Amery will be next Friday. Stormberg plans to move closer to family in Nebraska.

Karlson (GC) received news that every grant they applied for came through. They will be receiving over \$60,000 in grants for tech and furniture. They plan to move in early January.

Kelley-Johnson (SO) announced that Somerset received an anonymous \$1 million donation to their building project.

Schneider (SV) will be out of the Spring Valley library until January 24<sup>th</sup>. Their miracle baby should arrive any day.

## **MORE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Roholt is working on getting TWAM (This Week at MORE) out today.

The MORE Libraries app is now available in the app stores. Roholt encourages directors and library staff to check it out. Roholt is working with Reb Kilde on promotional materials while staff are becoming familiar with it. If your library is ready to go locally, feel free to advertise

and do a soft launch. It is hoped a recorded webinar will be done next week for staff to outline the little differences between the app and website. The app should be pretty intuitive.

Roholt reminded council members it is getting to be time for year-end tasks. Directors should watch for emails and the mention of cleanup tasks, close dates, and volunteers for MORE committees. Both directors and staff are welcome to stay on committees or join. There should be no more than one voting member per library per committee.

Work continues with the new libraries. Fairchild has been live since this summer. Durand is working towards going live at the beginning of the year. Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) is planning for a live date of July 1, 2022. There may be a little adjustment to some MORE policies and patron record policies with adding a non-public library to MORE. The goal is to improve access to library resources for CVTC students, and make it easy for staff to work with these accounts.

### **IFLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

On a personal side, Thompson wanted to thank everyone for the well-wishes and support through the nomination process, celebration locally at Florian Gardens, and those attending the WLA Conference next week. Thompson was very humbled by the Librarian of the Year Award.

Thompson noted that the IFLS Board of Trustees passed the 2022 budget at their September meeting. They also approved the hiring of a new position as well as a replacement for Maureen Welch who plans to retire April 2022. The focus will be on redistributing Welch's duties among the two positions, and also looking at enhancing the collection development for adult services. A few things will be moved off Thompson's position as well. Thompson is working on refining the position postings and hope to post the positions in early January.

Thompson is evaluating how the IFLS Board meetings will be conducted moving forward. All meetings have been virtual since COVID made its presence. The thought is to do virtual meetings during the winter months and the remaining three meetings as a visit to member libraries who can accommodate the Board.

### **ISSUES/REPORTS FROM MORE COMMITTEES:**

Puhl (PH) noted that the MORE Operations Committee met yesterday. At the suggestion of the MORE Executive Committee, the group is interested in exploring a system policy for billing for damaged items. Elchert (RL), chair of the Resource Sharing/Collection Development (RS/CD), joined them. They will convene a subcommittee to consider developing uniform criteria for whether or not a patron is billed replacement cost for damage to materials. Currently, only owning libraries determine whether and how much to bill for damage to their items. The group is looking for volunteers. They want a good cross-section. Let Puhl, Elchert, or Roholt know if you are interested in serving on this subcommittee.

Elchert (RL) noted that the Resource Sharing/Collection Development Committee received a report on the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) and OverDrive Advantage. Welch will send reports to those libraries that are interested. \$76,000 was spent in 2021. It was

noted that the OverDrive App will be removed from many app stores starting in February 2022.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The slate of officers for the Election of Officers are Shelly Rae (SA) as Chair, Katherine Elchert (RL) as Vice-Chair, Samma Johnson (CA) as Secretary, and Allison Lutz (TL) as Member-at-Large.

Elchert (RL) called for nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

*LaVold (NR) moved to approve the slate of officers for the MORE Executive Committee as read by Elchert. Leslie (SC) seconded. Motion carried.*

**OTHER:**

Thompson (IFLS) wanted to thank Amy Stormberg (AM) for her dedication to the Amery Public Library. Stormberg was thanked and wished good luck.

The WLA Conference is in Green Bay next week.

Leslie (SC) noted that Polk County and other county directors are invited to the Farm Table in Amery next Friday to thank Stormberg.

**ADJOURN:**

*Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.*

Roholt thanked the MORE Directors and committee members for continuing to serve.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder