

MINUTES
MORE Directors Council
Friday, May 20, 2022

Present/Attending: Rachel Thomas (AM), Leslie LaRose (AU), Rita Magno (BA), Linda Heimstead (BL), Lisa Kuebli (BN), Megan Taylor (BB), Ginny Julson (BO), Kathryn Stempf (BR), Samma Johnson (CA), Joe Niese (CF), Vince Mussehl (CV), Cricket LaFond (CL), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Barbara Krueger (DP), Leann French (DR), Shelly Collins-Fuerbringer (EC), Tiffany Meyer (EL), Jenna Beyer (EW), Rozanne Traczek (FA), Charlene Conradi (FC), Kris Surbaugh (FR), Rochel Karlson (GC), Michelle Johnson (HA), John Thompson (IF), Christinna Swearingen (LA), Jill Glover (LU), Joleen Sterk (ME), Monica LaVold (NR), Mary Hebda (OG), Shelby Friendshuh (OS), Rebecca Puhl (PH), Katherine Elchert (RL), Tanya Misselt (RF), 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: Ginny Julson for Dawn Ayers (CM), Allison Lutz for Rob Ankarlo (CU), Rebecca Puhl for Deb Hyde (PF), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter for Christy Rundquist (PE).

Also Present: Amanda Blackmon (FR), Lori Roholt, Kathy Setter, Bridget Krejci, Katelyn Noack, Reb Kilde, Joanne Gardner.

Absent: Arin Wilken (AL), Anna Griffin (CE), Carol Burnham (CH), Lori Gilles (DU), Shelly Tougas (HU), Bonnie Carl (MI), Interim (PL), Carissa Langer (PR).

CALL TO ORDER:

Rae (SA) 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:

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) moved to approve the agenda. Thompson (IF) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Johnson (CA) moved to approve the minutes dated March 18, 2022. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) seconded. Motion carried.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Surbaugh (FR) introduced Amanda Blackmon; the new Frederic director will begin next week. It was noted that Surbaugh will be missed.

Collins-Fuerbringer (EC) announced Nancy Kerr was hired as the director and will begin June 27th.

Rundquist (PE) has access to wet wipes (75% alcohol) and will send to those wanting via courier.

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) Woodville library is handing out COVID kits as provided to them by Western Wisconsin Health. Woodville also partnered with Baldwin and the school forest to offer a program on raptors and birds.

Thomas (AM) Amery library was voted library 2021.

Misselt (RF) River Falls hired an architectural firm to re-envision the current space for the next 25 years including the creation of a team space. They are excited about the process. Misselt noted the library houses an art gallery, but there is no staff to run it. That space is being used as meeting space.

Schneider (SV) Spring Valley noted that an anonymous donor paid for cookies with murals on them. 400 people showed up for the Easter Hunt and the town was packed with cars lining the street. The Friends of the Spring Valley library will be hosting a wine class from California.

Friendshuh (OS) is expecting second child and she will be on maternity leave. Reach out to Ann or Rebecca with questions.

Krueger (DP) Deer Park received a \$500 grant from Tropical Wings in Hudson. This is a sister organization to one in Costa Rica. The grant will fund two master gardeners to present on marine habitat for birds and other wildlife. Deer Park also received COVID tests from Western Wisconsin Health that patrons have been picking up.

Meyer (EL) Ellsworth held a wall-smashing event April 26th to begin the library renovation project. Demo work will begin May 2nd. It is hoped that September 2nd will mark a substantial completion date. The project is running smoothly so far.

Glover (LU) Luck passed along a plug for the Passport Program. A local patron is participating in the program with a friend, and they have brought back fun ideas for the library. Glover thanked LaFond (CL) and all others who worked on the program.

Magno (BA) Baldwin held a couple events and partnered with Hammond on one. It was a jazz event and was a lot of fun for participants. The library is also hosting a native plant giveaway for migratory birds.

French (DR) Dresser is hosting an Arbor Day celebration with the local elementary school and includes tree planting. Dresser will have an open house on June 4th for the summer reading program. Everyone is welcome.

Rebecca Kilde noted that IFLS has a lot of MORE posters if libraries want to let her know how many they would like. Kilde noted that she is picking up additional passports and libraries can request those as well. Kilde asked libraries to send all stories and pictures on the program to her so they can be collectively shared.

Karlson (GC)Glenwood City received a grant to purchase equipment to host hybrid events with a television and an owl device. The equipment arrived just in time for the summer reading program. Author William Kent Krueger will jump-start the event.

Leslie (SC) St. Croix Falls noted some magnetic wood hangers that can be used in windows, meeting rooms, restrooms, anywhere. If there is a need for William Kent Krueger books, Leslie has spares to share.

Johnson (CA) noted that Pride month is in June. Johnson is on a panel for the Chippewa Valley LGBT center. Most of the Pride events will be June 11th. The Panel will be June 9th at the String Theory in Chippewa Falls. Johnson believes the panel will be livestreamed, taped, and posted as well.

Katelyn Noack reminded librarians that Leah Langby and Noack will be holding a meeting with the Chippewa Valley Museum. They will go over the kids and ideas for collaborations. Librarians can email questions to Noack or Langby.

MORE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Roholt noted that Kathy Setter worked hard on the annual group supply order. Setter's hard work on that project is appreciated.

Vince Mussehl (CV) of Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) is here and the newest member to begin on MORE on July 1, 2022. Roholt noted to watch for upcoming training information when working with a CVTC student that comes to your library.

MORE staff and catalogers at IFLS have been working on an OCLC project to bring many MORE collective holdings to be visible. A good way to be a good community member is by sharing holdings. It is hoped other libraries do the same so patrons have as broad of a collection as possible.

The MORE 2022 budget hearing will be held June 17th followed by a July 15th MORE Directors Council meeting to approve the budget. Both meetings will be hybrid and librarians have the option of attending virtually or in-person at the Chippewa Valley Technical College Energy Education Center. Information will be sent ahead of both meetings.

IFLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Thompson noted that the IFLS Board will meet next week. One item they will be discussing is the IFLS director evaluation process. Library directors were asked to participate in the survey in 2021. If they are asked again, they should plan to fill it out as the Board likes to receive a good representation of surveys.

The 2021 audit for IFLS will be presented. IFLS has a healthy reserve designated and some carryover to commit for expenditure this year or for 2023.

New staff Cecelia Cole and Katelyn Noack hit the ground running. Katelyn is excited to help libraries with planning and wants to visit all member libraries. Cecelia is working mostly from home right now. Virtual meetings can be scheduled with her.

Leah Langby and a group of IFLS staff are coordinating an opportunity for staff that are not managers of libraries. It will be an opportunity to network with colleagues. Thompson hopes directors will send as many staff as they can.

ISSUES/REPORTS FROM MORE COMMITTEES:

Johnson (HA) is the chair of the MORE Operations Committee this year. Meeting minutes can be found on the MORE committees' website page. The committee looked at a proposal out of an ad hoc committee on system wide guidelines for damaged items billing. The framework was approved. The Resource Sharing committee will look at it before coming to the Directors Council. The committee also talked about training for circulation staff at libraries and ways to improve what IFLS can provide. One product to assist they discussed was Niche Academy.

2023 MORE BUDGET PREVIEW:

A link to the preliminary 2023 MORE budget was included in the meeting materials. This is the first of four drafts. The draft represents no change to the MORE current services and products. It incorporates known cost increases. Roholt hopes to have more information by June 10th and reviewed at the June 17th budget hearing. This is everyone's (directors and staff) opportunity to weigh in on the budget. For those unable to attend the budget hearing, written comments can be sent to Roholt to share. Following the budget hearing, the Executive Committee will come up with a recommended MORE budget. This budget will be the basis to start discussions at the July 15th MORE Directors Council meeting.

Roholt is working on gathering information on new products, vendor demos and recordings and compiled by June 10th to share prior to the budget hearing.

The draft 2023 budget includes all the products and services for running MORE. Also included are funds for electronic content of \$60,000 of carryover funds. This is the same amount that was used in 2022. This is up for discussion.

The preliminary MORE budget total of \$935,110 represents a 3.51% increase over the approved 2022 MORE budget.

Attachments include an Uncommitted Funds Summary, the 2023 MORE Costs to Library Participants, and the MORE 2023 Cost Allocations using a 3-year average, and a Reserve/Replacement Summary.

In the meeting materials for today's meeting, Roholt provided information on possible new products. Roholt noted some products may make sense to purchase as a group and fit in with MORE as a resource sharing and automation consortium.

Niche Academy allows for the curation and creation of tutorials for the public and for staff training. Individual libraries could subscribe, but a single system-wide subscription could allow for improved training for all MORE-member library staff, and possibly resources for library users via the MORE catalog. A vendor demo is scheduled for May 23rd and will also be recorded. The annual cost is \$6,600 for a system-wide subscription.

BiblioCloud Records allows for the automatic display of all OverDrive content available to MORE-member library cardholders via the main MORE catalog without the need for staff intervention. Currently, Bridget Krejci imports into MORE and edits MARC records for OverDrive holdings for display in the main MORE catalog, Sierra, and the Classic Catalog. This product would reduce Krejci's time spent on loading and managing these local records. It would also eliminate the current delay in getting OverDrive content to appear and could reduce fulfillment issues for patrons trying to access available OverDrive content. Roholt will have more information for the budget hearing. The annual cost would be \$8,389.

Booklist would be a digital subscription to Booklist; an American Library Association (ALA) publication. This would allow online access to library staff, audiobook reviews, articles, core collections, and read-alike, plus resources that help make selection, collection-development, and readers advisories easier. The annual cost for a digital-only subscription would be \$1,300 annually.

A collection management and library analytics tool, like Library IQ was mentioned. The product and pricing information is pending. MORE currently has a year-to-year subscription to Decision Center from Innovative Interfaces, our Sierra vendor. The group may want to explore a possible replacement or additional product to aid in collection development and other library service analysis. Baker & Taylor has a collection tool called DEI Analysis.

Roholt welcomed questions about the budget draft for 2023.

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) inquired if the budget included a new 3-year cycle with BiblioCore for the Discovery/Online Catalog. Roholt noted that pricing for another 3-year

term was included. Pricing should be available by June. Roholt noted that this group can decide to go to a one-year term and put a higher placeholder for the budget.

Roholt noted that there are other options for patron facing options available for public libraries. It will take some time to investigate a new product and cannot start a new product in 2023, but the group can opt not to do a 3-year term and instead do a 1-year term.

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) inquired what the IFLS Management Charges included. Roholt noted that there was a separate database control which has now been combined so all services by IFLS are included on one unified line. There is a 5% increase on the \$290,000, but no increase on the \$142,000 (formerly the database quality control).

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) noted that past practice is that when a new product was brought in, something was eliminated. Are there items such as Library Elf that the council should consider dropping. Resource Sharing/Collection Development will meet, and that committee makes recommendations on the electronic content included in the budget proposal. Roholt can share input with that committee.

LaFond (CL) does not get a lot of Flipster use and would like that product looked at again. It was noted that the Resource Sharing/Collection Development committee scaled back Flipster last year to cover only magazines not included in OverDrive. They will again review for the 2023 budget.

Questions and comments related to the 2023 budget should be sent to Roholt via the helpdesk, email, or by phone. The sooner contact is made will allow getting information into the budget hearing documents.

ADJOURN:

LaFond (CL) moved to adjourn at 11:24 am. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) seconded. Motion carried.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder