

MINUTES
MORE Directors Council
Friday, November 18, 2022

Present/Attending: Heather Wiarda (AM), Leslie LaRose (AU), Rita Magno (BA), Linda Heimstead (BL), Amanda Feldt-Smith (BN), Stacey Brown (BB), Ginny Julson (BO), Kathryn Stempf (BR), Anna Griffin (CE), Emily Resendiz (CH), Joe Niese (CF), Cricket LaFond (CL), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Rob Ankarlo (CU), Barbara Krueger (DP), Leann French (DR), Lori Gilles (DU), Tiffany Meyer (EL), Kallie Anderson (EW), Rozanne Traczek (FA), Charlene Conradi (FC), John Thompson (IF), Christina Swearingen (LA), Joleen Sterk (ME), Bonnie Carl (MI), Monica LaVold (NR), Mary Hebda (OG), Shelby Friendshuh (OS), Deb Hyde (PF), Christy Rundquist (PE), Rebecca Puhl (PH), Jenna Beyer (PC), Carissa Langer (PR), Rachel Thomas (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: Leslie LaRose for Samma Johnson (CA), Ginny Julson for Dawn Ayers (CM), Jen Cook for Vince Mussehl (CV).

Also Present: Lori Roholt, Bridget Krejci, Kathy Setter, Lori Oemig (Cornell), Cecelia Cole, Katelyn Noack, Joanne Gardner.

Absent: Arin Wilken (AL), Nancy Kerr (EC), Amanda Blackmon (FR), Rochel Karlson (GC), Michelle Johnson (HA), Shelley Tougas (HU), Jill Glover (LU).

CALL TO ORDER:

Rae (SA) called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Roholt established a quorum by roll call vote.

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

Certification of compliance and open meeting law was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Rundquist (PE) moved to approve the agenda. LaFond (CL) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Sterk (ME) moved to approve the minutes dated September 16, 2022. LaVold (NR) seconded. Motion carried.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Pepin was awarded a grant on East Asia studies. This is the second one received. A cookbook club will begin at Pepin in January. The Village of Pepin will fund the cost to upgrade the interior lights to LED at the library. Pepin staff have restarted county library tours.

River Falls received an \$18,000 grant from T-Mobile. This will enable the library to provide 25 hot spots for 2 years, with no restrictions. T-Mobile offers these grants quarterly. Misselt (RF) will share her application to those who are interested.

Clear Lake received a Pilcrow Foundation grant for \$1200 to purchase books for children (birth – 12).

St. Croix Falls partnered with the St. Croix Historical Society which drew over 150 people into the library. The event featured a place called the Silver Brook Mansion. A black family owned the mansion for several years and hosted big names in 60-70s era.

Ladysmith is currently without power, and the solar panels are being connected. Ladysmith also received an East Asia grant and have a cookbook club.

Rice Lake received two grants, worth a total of \$5,000. This spring, the library will add an ADA accessible dock. They are looking at purchasing kayaks with paddles to go with the dock.

Krueger (DP) thanked everyone for posting the flyer on the DNR State Park Pass Pilot program. Only 20 libraries in Wisconsin are part of the program. They received 50 park passes and packets of materials they can get. The passes are good at any state parks and forests in Wisconsin. Those interested in getting a park pass and an information packet must come to the Deer Park library.

Bloomer will host an author open house event December 10th. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomer library.

The Friends of the Bruce library will host a local author event on November 23rd.

Menomonie has dealt with four book challenges from one person. The committee met and decided to keep the materials. The challenger repealed and brought additional people to the board meeting. The board held strong and will keep the books. Sterk will share out the titles of the books questioned.

Baldwin has started a collection of decodable books and is working with the grade school to identify the best ones to add to the collection. These are for very early readers and difficulty reading at a very basic level. They also have sets for older kids with high interest and low reading levels. Magno will send out the titles they purchased via email.

Pepin County is in the process of updating their County Library Plan. They have met informally and hope to have an updated plan by the end of 2023.

MORE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Krejci noted that the Bibliographic Records and Standards Committee met on October 13, 2022. An LSTA grant is being written with Northern Waters being the fiscal agent. The purpose is to improve discovery across the state by unifying best practices in cataloging. There will be focus groups for more pressing topics and authority control for more consistent cataloging. A survey was sent, and information will be gathered and meet in the next month or so.

Roholt noted that this is a good opportunity for IFLS to participate with other library systems on cataloging using unified practices and exploring more inclusive subject headings. The eight systems include: Bridges, IFLS, Milwaukee County, Monarch, Northern Waters, Outagamie-Waupaca, Winding Rivers, and Wisconsin Valley.

MORE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

IFLS staff are continuing to train on and develop content for the Niche Academy subscription. We are working with the vendor to determine allowable use of the consortium subscription as distinct from individual library subscriptions.

There will be some reworking on the catalog page for 2023 with the discontinuation of Freading. This will provide a good place for information on tutorials through Niche Academy.

Roholt reminded members that support, and training are top priorities for IFLS staff who work with MORE. Staff develop and maintain extensive written and video documentation of MORE operations; present group training activities; take questions via the help desk, phone, or by email; and provide individual or inservice-style training. Staff are happy to hear from library directors and their staff.

Nine libraries have opted to subscribe to LibraryIQ in 2023. These libraries will help determine the potential value of a consortium-wide subscription in the future.

In January, libraries' annual reports will be pre-filled with collection, circulation, and other data compiled by IFLS staff.

A new cataloger will begin soon to work with MORE's CABS (Cataloging and Bibliographic Services) program as cataloger Bethany Bulgrin accepted full-time employment at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library in Eau Claire. Applications are being accepted to fill the position.

Freading is available through December 31, 2022. No new content will be available after January 1, 2023.

IFLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Thompson announced that Adam Fuller began as the new Business Manager after training with Juli Button. Thompson asked directors to be patient and let IFLS know if there are questions.

It is anticipated that the live Annual Report site will go live sometime around January 24, 2023. There are still negotiations with the State to have enough time to get the prefilled information in before release. Annual Reports will be due March 1, 2023. Libraries should set aside time in February to get the reports done. Some instructions are already posted on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) site.

Leah Langby and John Thompson are working on providing some annual report workshop dates for the end of January or early February. The morning session includes walking through the report. The afternoon session is an open work session. If directors have all the information, the report can be completed that day.

The workshop provides the basics for new directors to walk through the report. All directors are welcome to attend.

Thompson noted that as we wrap up the end of the year and prepare for 2023, libraries should make sure to get end of the year activities done in a timely fashion.

ELECT MORE OFFICERS FOR 2023:

Per the MORE bylaws, officers for Directors Council and Executive Committee for 2023 should be elected at this meeting.

A MORE Nomination Committee (Joleen Sterk, Rob Ankarlo, Su Leslie) collaborated on a slate of nominees.

The slate of MORE officer nominees for 2023 as recommended by the MORE Executive Committee are: Chair – Shelly Rae, Sand Creek; Vice Chair – Allison Lutz, Turtle Lake; Secretary – Joleen Sterk, Menomonie; Director-at-large – Karen Furo-Bonnstetter, Woodville.

Officer nominations were taken from the floor. None were forthcoming.

LaRose (AU) moved to approve the slate of MORE officers for 2023. Meyer (EL) seconded. Motion carried.

Roholt offered thanks to the new MORE officers for 2023.

TIMELINE FOR CORNELL PUBLIC LIBRARY TO JOIN MORE:

Because Cornell's MORE payments will be fully grant-funded, the MORE Directors Council only needs to approve a timetable for joining MORE. The planned "go live" date is July 1, 2023. Setter noted that because of the holiday, the actual live date will be July 5, 2023.

Leslie (SC) moved to approve the timeline for Cornell Public Library to join MORE. Swearingen (LA) seconded. Motion carried.

Setter noted that starting the first of December 2022, Cornell will start showing up, but will be suppressed until July 5, 2023.

ADJOURN:

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) moved to adjourn at 10:52 am. Krueger (DP) seconded. Motion carried.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder