

Green County Library Board Meeting
Monday, February 22 2021
MINUTES

The meeting was conducted via teleconference (Zoom)

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 by President Ellefson
2. Roll call (those present via teleconference): Craig Ellefson, Mike Furgal, Ann Mueller, Gary Neuenschwander, Anita Huffman, Beth Blahut. Library directors in attendance: Holly Lague, Bronna Lehmann, Carolyn Seaver, Katrina Linde-Moriarty, Angela Noel, Suzann Holland. SCLS Consultant Mark Ibach
3. Approval of agenda: Neuenschwander made a motion to approve the agenda, Huffman seconded. Motion carried.
4. Approval of minutes of the October 26, 2020, meeting: Mueller moved to approve the minutes; Furgal seconded; motion carried.
5. Public comments: None
6. Board correspondence: None
7. Reports:
 - a. South Central Library System: by Mark Ibach:
SCLS Building Project: Looking for a location that would allow them to combine delivery and headquarters: either a new building or a location that would be retro-fitted to suit their needs. Having a single location is preferable to the current rental of two properties. The location needs to have a good backbone, including broadband that could serve all users. The project is moving forward. There are a number of webinars coming up soon for library staff: SCLS has posted details on their calendar.
 - b. County libraries:
Monroe report by Suzann Holland-see attachment
New Glarus report by Holly Lague-see attachment
Albany report by Carolyn Seaver-see attachment
Brodhead report by Angela Noel-see attachment
Belleville report by Bronna Lehmann-see attachment
Monticello report by Katrina Linde-Moriarty-see attachment
8. Old/new business:
 - a. 2020 budget-It passed in November 2020
 - b. Planning for 2021-Discussion of how to explain why the cost/circ has gone up. Next week the circulation numbers for the adjacent counties will be available. How to answer the question, "why increase funding to the libraries when they've been closed to the public?" The solution discussed was to create a graphic handout sharing the initiatives that libraries have undertaken to provide services to communities during the pandemic. The handout would sell the library like an advertisement, including information about programs currently being offered and comments from patrons (from

Facebook). We need these stories to support the numbers in the annual reports.

9. Next meeting: 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2021, via Zoom
10. Note: Most likely we'll conduct board meetings via Zoom through August 2021.
11. Huffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mueller seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

-Beth Blahut, Secretary