

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Eager Free Public Library

June 8, 2011

ALS President Richard Bostwick called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Also present were Bill Wilson, Doreen Dalman, Doug Derby, Jose Carrillo, Jane Thompson, Bryan McCormick, Hedberg Public Library Director; Roger Dutcher, Beloit Public Library Technical Services; and ALS Director, Ruth Ann Montgomery.

The May 2011 minutes were approved on a motion by Bill Wilson, with the following corrections third paragraph from the end. "respondents will submit the forms by mail this year and be offered the opportunity to let the board know whether they would prefer to submit electronically next year." Doreen Dalman seconded with the corrections noted and the motion carried unanimously.

May bills were approved on a motion by Bill Wilson and seconded by Richard Bostwick. The motion carried unanimously.

ALS has received the approval for the full LSTA grants for 2011. Information has been sent to the County to process the resolutions needed for the grants.

Martha Gammons and Rene Bue, Hedberg Public Library, attended a program at the job center for released jail and prison inmates and provided information on computer classes, how to get a library card, and other library services.

There is great concern about the future of WISCNET, the ALS internet provider. WISCNET is a major provider to most of the libraries, schools, colleges, and some municipalities in the state of Wisconsin. The state budget includes wording that would make it difficult for WISCNET to continue to operate. If WISCNET were eliminated the cost of internet service to ALS would dramatically increase according to estimates by DPI.

The ALS budget for 2012 was discussed. The request to Rock County for service to township residents and payments to libraries outside the county who provide service to township residents is now at 5% above the 2011 budget. Only one more bill, the Lakeshores bill for service is pending.

LSTA grants for 2011 will include computer classes in Spanish at the Beloit Public Library. Montgomery will be meeting with staff from the Literacy Connection to begin setting up the Math Literacy program that is part of the JOBS grant.

The July ALS Board meeting will be at the Milton Public Library on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 6 p.m. Personnel Committee will meet at 5:30 at the same place.

John DeBacher was excellent presenter at the board workshop at Hedberg on May 21. The program was recorded and on put on a DVD. The DVD is being cataloged at Hedberg and will be available to library board members and others that are interested, but were not able to attend the workshop.

Jose Carrillo moved to adjourn and Bill Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Ann Montgomery, Secretary