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Winding Rivers Library System Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

6:30pm

MINUTES

1. Call to order / Open meeting notice certification

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Roll call and introductions

Attendees

Board members: **Buffalo County**- Jane Lagenfeld, Dwight Ruff; **Jackson County**-Joan Zenz, Sara Peloquin; Juneau County- none; **La Crosse County**- Sue Adams, Kathy Ivey, Loren Caulum, Larry Pohja, Adam Schneider; **Monroe County**- Clara Johnson, Mary VonRuden; **Trempealeau County**- none, **Vernon County**- none.

WRLS staff: Kristen Anderson (Director), Barry McKnight (Outreach Consultant)

3. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented,

1st by Sara Peloquin

2nd Loren Caulum

Motion carried.

4. Approval of the minutes from the January 2025 meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2025, meeting as presented,

1st by Larry Pohja

2nd by Joan Zenz

Motion carried

5. Reports

5.1 Budget update & approval of bills

Director Anderson led the board through the report, pointing out that there was an error on the fund balance page but bookkeeping has sent a correction. Kathy commented on the duty of the board to carefully go through the report, asking the board for strategies for working through the budget. Sue asked about the viability of Creative Bug since Joann is going bankrupt, Director Anderson said that there appears to be no change for the moment.

Motion to approve the bills:

1st by Larry Pohja

2nd by Joan Zenz

Motion carried.

5.2 Director's report:

a) IMLS federal library funding;

Anderson updated board about the closure of IMLS and how the funding comes to the states from the federal government. Anderson talked about how the IMLS funding impacts CE funds, sparsity aids allow WRLS to do development of programs we wouldn't otherwise, such as ECHO, kits, and firewalls. Funds go to statewide webinars, WISCAT will likely be impacted if funds not present. Kathy and Larry voiced the need for trustees to support libraries

b) WRLS Library Passport program;

Barry gave some info on the 2025 version of the Passport Program.

c) Library Legislative Day 2025;

Director Anderson discussed how successful this year's Library Legislative Day was. Record turnout this year, Five member directors attended. Bipartisan support from legislators.

d) WRLS Systemwide Read: Nourishing Minds, Nourishing Bodies (Barry);

Barry discussed the upcoming read (September-November), the grants awarded so far, the culinary kits that are being developed and how they would be used by member libraries, and how the Read would be organized.

e) Delivery.

Director Anderson discussed how WRLS is currently down a delivery driver and the adjustments that are being made. Anderson also discussed the vehicle replacement fund and that WRLS is moving forward on purchasing a new or used vehicle (trade in two oldest) this year.

7. Business

7.1 Elections

President-Kathy will continue

Vice President-Sue will continue

Secretary- June willing to continue

Personnel Committee-Clara, Adam Schneider and Kathy Ivey.

Motion to approve leadership remaining in position:

1st by Loren Caulum

2nd by Larry Pohja

Motion passed.

7.2 WRLS Annual Report 2024

Director Anderson led board through the Annual Report. Jane Lagenfeld thought the continuing education line of the report was large. Director Anerson said it was prefilled by the state and that it covered half of the outreach consultant's salary.

Motion to approve the annual report:

1st by Larry Pohja

2nd by Sara Peloquin

Motion passed.

7.3 Next meeting: May 28, 2025 @ 6:30pm (in-person or online)

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry McKnight

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