

South Central Library System Board of Trustees Minutes

4/25/2024, 12:15 p.m.

1650 Pankratz Street, Madison

Meeting held via Zoom & in person

Action Items:

Approved the 2023 audited financial statements

Approved the Lettie W. Jensen Library of Amherst Commitment to Participate in SCLS ILS & Technology Services 2024

Present: C. Clark, B. Clendenning, S. Feith, N. Foth, S. Garcia, J. Honl, M. Howe, M. Jorgensen, M. Nelson, G. Poulson, H. St. Maurice, T. Walske

Excused: L. Ross

Absent: P. Cox

Recorder: H. Moe

SCLS Staff Present: S. Schultz, K. Goeden

Guest: Michelle Walter, Baker Tilly auditor

Call to Order: 12:15 p.m. J. Honl, President

- a. Introduction of guests/visitors: Michelle Walter, Baker Tilly Auditor
- b. Changes/Additions to the Agenda: None
- c. Requests to address the Board: None

Approval of previous meeting minutes: 3/28/2024 Minutes

- a. Motion: M. Howe moved approved of the 3/28/2024. N. Foth seconded.
- b. Changes or corrections: None
- c. Vote: Motion carried. G. Poulson and M. Howe abstain.

Financial Statements: K. Goeden provided an overview of the financial statements.

Bills for Payments: The payment amount is \$106,180.08

- a. Motion: M. Nelson reviewed the bills for payment and moved approval. S. Feith seconded.
- b. Discussion: None.
- c. Vote: Motion carried.

Presentation: Audit Report – Michelle Walter, Baker Tilly Representative provided a review of the SCLS audit and noted we received a “clean and unmodified” audit, which is the highest level.

Committee Reports:

a. Advocacy: M. Nelson noted she received an ALA advocacy alert that indicated the budget process is beginning and folks are encouraged to contact their legislators to sign the appropriation letters for approval of the LSTA grants and Innovative approaches to literacy. Once they are signed, it shows support for those items when presented to the appropriations committee.

The banned book issue was briefly discussed. It was noted “Niche Academy” offers webinars for how to deal with banned book discussion. The WI Library Alliance was formed to fight against banned books and there are tools to use to fortify against folks that want many books banned.

b. Review of committee reports schedule: M. Furgal has resigned from the SCLS board after 20 years and there is another appointment being made to replace him as a Green County representative. He

was the board Treasurer and served on the advocacy and budget/finance committee as well as the Foundation board. M. Howe volunteered to serve as treasurer on the SCLS board. J. Wright (Dane County) and M. Anderson (Sauk County) were also not reelected. G. Poulson volunteered to review bills at the May meeting.

Action Items:

a. Approve 2023 Audited Financial Statements

- i. Motion: N. Foth moved approval the 2023 Audited Financial Statements. M. Howe seconded.
- ii. Discussion: None
- iii. Vote: Motion carried.

b. Approve the Lettie W. Jensen Library of Amherst Commitment to Participate in SCLS ILS & Technology Services 2024

- i. Motion: M. Howe moved approval of the Lettie W. Jensen Library of Amherst Commitment to Participate in SCLS ILS & Technology Services 2024. M. Nelson seconded.
- ii. Discussion: The board discussed aspects of costs and benefits of the library joining. Albany, Pittsville and Vesper are the remaining libraries not participating in SCLS ILS & Technology Services.
- iii. Vote: Motion carried.

System Director's Report: You may view the System Director report online.

SCLS Foundation Report: Will meet after today's board meeting.

Administrative Council (AC) Report: Met 4/18/2024. You may view the minutes online.

Information sharing: SCLS consultants, Shawn Brommer and Tracie Miller, will present information about book challenge/intellectual freedom support to member libraries at the May meeting.

Adjournment: 1: 14p.m.

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