

**KENOSHA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Community Library, Salem, Wisconsin
February 21, 2005**

• Meeting Minutes •

By consensus, Shirley Boening was appointed to chair the meeting due to the absence of Board President, Noel Sheer. Shirley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present:	Sharon Acerbi, Shirley Boening, Louise Gagliano, Jane Prince
Absent	Pat Johnson, Ron Johnson, Noel Sheer
Administration:	Douglas Baker, Director
Also Present:	Mary Ellen Close Lin Swartz-Truesdell

Minutes of the October 11, 2004 Board Meeting

Sharon moved, seconded by Jane, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2004 Board meeting. Carried unanimously.

December 31, 2004 Financial Statement

Jane moved, seconded by Louise, to accept and file the December 31, 2004 Financial Statement. Carried unanimously.

Election of 2005 Board Officers

Sharon moved, seconded by Louise, that Noel be nominated for reelection as President of the Board for another one-year term, that Shirley be nominated as Vice President for a one-year term, and that nominations be closed. The motion carried unanimously. Jane moved, seconded by Sharon, that the slate be elected as nominated. Carried unanimously.

Wisconsin Library Association's State Legislative Agenda for the 2005-2007 Biennium

Doug gave an overview of WLA's 2005-2007 legislative agenda, highlighting state contracts and the Common School Fund. He spoke about the Governor's budget proposal, which would increase funding for public library systems by 8.4% over the two years. He referred the Board to a summary of selected provisions of the public library district legislation, as recommended by the Wisconsin Library Association Public Library District Legislation Subcommittee as of 11-3-04, and stated that the creation of a public library district may be possible for Community Library.

Library Reports

Mary Ellen and Shirley reported on the feasibility study for the Randall library branch. The Annual Meeting of the Community Library Friends of the Library is scheduled for April 26, and the architect for the proposed new building will be the featured speaker.

Shirley reported that her recent participation in WLA's Library Legislative Day was a new and good experience for her.

Mary Ellen reported that Community Library received a grant from Verizon totaling over \$14,000 for nine laptop computers and a "floating training lab."

Doug reported that the new Hannah C. Stocker Children's Room at the Simmons Library opened the second week in February. With this new room, Simmons will offer something for everyone for families utilizing that branch.

Doug reported that future KCLS meetings will involve long-term planning to determine where the system goes from here. The Countywide Library Computer Network came out of the last long range planning sessions.

Other Business as Authorized by Law

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at a KPL location. Sharon moved, seconded by Louise, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Swartz-Truesdell, Secretary