

**KENOSHA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Community Library, Kenosha, Wisconsin
June 13, 2005**

• Meeting Minutes •

The meeting was called to order by Noel Sheer, President, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Minutes of the April 18, 2005 Board Meeting

Shirley moved, seconded by Sharon, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2005 Board meeting. Carried unanimously.

May 31, 2005 Financial Statement

Sharon moved, seconded by Ron, to accept and file the May 31, 2005 Financial Statement. Carried unanimously.

Legislative Issues

Doug reported that the Committee on Joint Finance has instituted a local property tax freeze in their budget proposal, which the Governor may veto. Until the Governor acts on the proposal, our final 2006 budget proposal is on hold.

Long Range Planning

Doug referred the Board to the Appleton Public Library's Request for Proposals for Library Planning Consulting Services and the letter he received from Himmel & Wilson regarding their proposal for developing a strategic plan. Doug gave an overview of the process undertaken in 1998 to revise the Kenosha County Long Range Library Plan. He asked for input on the desired extent of the planning process, and how it should proceed. He stated that the cost for a community survey on Library services would be approximately \$25,000. After discussion, Shirley moved, seconded by Sharon, to authorize that the 2006 budget include the appropriate consulting fee for a long range planning effort. Carried unanimously. Shirley stated, and the Board members present agreed, that joint meetings with the KPL, KCLS, and CL boards would be an important component of the planning process.

Library Reports

Mary Ellen reported that summer is the busiest season at CL. 542 children signed up in one week for the summer reading program.

Other Business as Authorized by Law

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southwest Library in Kenosha. Noel declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Potente, Secretary