

Director's Report December 2021

Meetings and Visits

I continue to participate in the weekly system directors meetings hosted by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) staff. Recent topics have included the WISEgrants portal, annual reports and the continuing challenges of serving library customers during a pandemic.

I conducted a new director orientation with Laura Gaastra of the Randolph Library.

The coordinators and I continue to meet weekly as a group. Jean Anderson has replaced Mark Ibach in our cadre and is already providing strong support.

SCLS will have 2 Cost Formula Work Groups this year to review the 2023 fees for technology services and delivery services.

Foundation (SCLSF)

The Foundation will have its annual meeting on January 27, 2022. They will be discussing fund raising for the new SCLS building and holding their election of officers.

Building Needs Assessment Work Group (BNAW)

I worked with a new attorney on the purchase sale agreement with the City of Madison. The agreement was based on a template from the City of Madison. The SCLS attorney and the City of Madison attorney worked well together on revising the agreement to our needs. A copy of the finished agreement is included in this month's board packet for the board to review. It will be an action item in February.

Kerrie Goeden and I met one of our soon to be neighbors, Vogel Brothers Building Co., who offered comments on the neighborhood and their experiences with the local wildlife.

Devin Flanigan of Keller, Inc. will update the board this month on the building project. Last month it was shared and discussed with the board that the cost of the new building is over budget by \$650,000 - \$850,000. At that meeting, the board requested a compilation of budget information and data evidence that SCLS will save money by building a new joint facility. Kerrie Goeden will discuss the financial challenges and options open to SCLS to continue moving forward. The board will then discuss the needed increase for the project, next steps forward and prioritize from where the new funds may come.

Personnel

The Wyocena Public Library's new director, Linda Mertz has resigned. If you are keeping track, we also have director openings at Vesper, Spring Green, New Glarus and two retirements looming. Libraries and systems across the state have been having difficulty filling open positions. This has been a topic of discussion at the weekly system directors meetings.

Good News

Tim Drexler, Delivery Operations Support Manager, is the new Data Services Consultant. He is currently splitting his time between delivery and receiving training from Jody Hoesly at administration in preparation of her retirement February 11th.

Respectfully submitted by,

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