

Director's Report

March 2022

Meetings and Visits

I continue to participate in the weekly system directors meetings hosted by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) staff.

I attended the Public Library Association conference virtually to accumulate necessary education credits for my certification.

I submitted the SCLS Annual Report to the Department of Public Instruction. Our second payment of state aid is scheduled to be deposited the week of April 25th.

Kerrie Goeden and I along with Devin Flanigan of Keller met with staff of the City of Madison to hammer out a temporary and permanent easement.

I attended the Delivery, ILS and Technology Committee meetings.

The Building Needs Assessment Work Group met five times to finalize details before the bid notices went out.

I participated in the first 2022 meeting of the SCLS Database Team with Tim Drexler acting as chair.

Foundation (SCLSF)

A spring fundraiser will be held and trustees are invited to participate in the *Paint it Forward* for the South Central Library System Foundation at Wine & Design, 167 S Fair Oaks Ave in Madison on Monday, May 23 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Cost is \$50 per person. The Foundation will meet on April 28 after the SCLS Board meeting.

Building Needs Assessment Work Group (BNAW)

Large benchmarks for the new building have been met. After the City of Madison signed the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the First American Title Insurance Company contacted SCLS to set up an escrow account of \$15,000 for the future closing. It was signed by the City of Madison and the escrow agreement was sent to the SCLS Board Chair for signature. The City of Madison and SCLS worked out a new easement understanding. The development of the land at 2801 Walton Commons Lane, our latest address for the same building site, will include a drainage swale and require a permanent easement on the City owned property to the north of our site. It was drafted by the City of Madison, reviewed by the SCLS attorney and is included in this month's board packet to be approved by the SCLS Board. The first bid notice was published April 19 in the Wisconsin State Journal. The bid opening will occur May 12. Nan Brien and Kristi Williams have written and submitted grants to federal agencies to help fund solar power at the new building.

Personnel

Katrina Linde-Moriarty, Director of the Monticello Public Library has resigned to take a new position as the director of the Houghton, Michigan Library.

Angela Noel, Director of the Brodhead Public Library, has resigned to be the new director of the Dodgeville Public Library.

The Mazomanie Free Library has hired Brian Cole to be their new director. He has started in his new position.

Below is a status listing of SCLS libraries searching for library directors:

Amherst: advertising

New Glarus: 1 applicant

Spring Green: advertising

Vesper: advertising

Wisconsin Rapids: interviewing

Wyocena: advertising

In addition, the Village of Cottage Grove has revitalized their plan to build a library.

Good News

The Department of Public Instruction has hired a Database Consultant, Melissa Aro. She will be available to help systems and libraries with statistics and dashboards along with leading the Annual Report process.

Respectfully submitted by,

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