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Minutes of the Nicolet Federated Library System Board of Trustees

Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Anthony Yaggie, Rebecca Berger, Corrie Campbell, Miriam Erickson, Robert Entringer, Janice Gehlhoff, Penny Habeck, Ken Harter, Marsha Hoeffs, Kathy Lefebvre, Cheryl Maxwell, Kathy Pletcher, Michael Poradeck, Connie Seefeldt, Julia Wallace

Excused: Elizabeth Fernandez

Also Present: Tracy Vreeke, Director (NFLS), Hannah Good Zima (NFLS), Sarah Sugden, Director (Brown County Library)

MINUTES

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Moment of Silence.
- 3. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.
- 4. Agenda Revisions.

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Member Pletcher, seconded by Member Harter. **Motion carried (14 Ayes, 1 Absent – Lefebvre).**

- **5. Open Forum.** None.
- 6. Approval of August 12, 2021 Minutes.

Member Berger made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Poradek seconded the motion. **Motion carried (14 Ayes, 1 Absent – Lefebvre)**.

- 7. Reports:
 - 7.1 President Anthony Yaggie
 - President Yaggie discussed Trustee Training Week.

7.2 Treasurer's Report – Marsha Hoeffs

- Treasurer Hoeffs reviewed financials provided through the end of August.
 Everything is trending on track for where spending should be.
- The amount we may need to pull from the reserve fund will not be as large as anticipated due to some travel and training savings as well as a grant funding received for delivery costs.

Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Member Habeck seconded the motion. **Motion carried (14 Ayes, 1 Absent – Lefebvre)**.

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7.3 Finance Committee – Marsha Hoeffs and Kathy Pletcher

- The Finance Committee reviewed and approved the proposed Draft 2022 System Budget, including the salary increases as recommended by the Personnel Committee.
- NFLS will receive an additional 8.86% increase in State Aid in 2022 and is anticipating a \$10,000 overage of unallocated funds.

7.4 Grant Committee - Rebecca Berger

• The Grant Committee will not meet until spring 2022.

7.5 Personnel Committee – Ken Harter

- Personnel Committee conducted the annual Performance Review for the Director. Board members, NFLS staff and Member Library Directors were all surveyed as to Director Vreeke's performance.
- The Committee developed goals for the director from 2022 which will be approved by the full Board in December.
- The Committee recommended to the Finance Committee the following salary increases:
 - A 5.5 percent cost of living increase for all NFLS staff and the Director.
 - A ten percent salary increase for the Administrative Assistant staff member and a two percent salary increase for the Director, which shall be calculated prior to calculating the cost of living increase.

7.6 Director's Report - Tracy Vreeke

- Many libraries across the state are facing staffing shortages.
- Welcomed a new director in Marinette, Karin Adams, previously employed at Brown County Library.
- NFLS Staff have been busy applying for grant funding on behalf of member libraries.
- DPI, via an LSTA grant, is providing NFLS with approximately \$25,000 in funding for in-person CE attendance. The hope is that member libraries will be able to use the funding this fall for the WLA conference in Green Bay.
- All Trustees are encouraged to attend the WLA Conference in November in Green Bay. NFLS has trustee development funds budgeted to help with registration and/or travel costs.

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8. Approval of the Final 2022 System Budget.

Member Maxwell made a motion to approve the 2022 System Budget as presented, including salary increases as recommended by the Personnel and Finance Committees. Member Berger seconded the motion. **Motion carried (15 Ayes)**.

9. Approval of the 2022 Public Library System Plan.

Member Erickson made a motion to approve the 2022 Public Library System Plan. Member Hoeffs seconded the motion. **Motion carried (15 Ayes)**.

10. Approval of Amendment to the NFLS Constitution and Bylaws to Add the Immediate Past President a Member of the Executive Committee.

Member Harter made a motion to approve the amendment to the NFLS Constitution and Bylaws to add the immediate past president a member of the Executive Committee. Member Campbell seconded the motion. **Motion carried (15 Ayes)**.

- 11. New Business. None.
- **12. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Hannah Good Zima, Reporting Secretary