



Sarah Adams is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Vaughn Library Board

Time: Oct 8, 2020 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Call to order: MA, DB, CC, JC, MJ, JL, SJ

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Minutes September 10, 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Review 2021 Budget Proposal
 - b. Strategic Planning; Mission
5. New Business
6. Director's Report
 - a. Statistical Report
 - b. Financial Report
7. Adjourn



Programming

As we begin to settle into the new normal of social distancing and masks, library staff are thinking about introducing some programming that is safe, rewarding for all, educational and of course fun. At this point, we are considering registration as a means to “control” attendance and orchestrate a hybrid of virtual and in-person. With CARES Act funds, we may upgrade some video equipment and subscribe to a streaming platform like [Zoom](#) or [Blue Jeans](#). Also, I talked with the technician at Omer Nelson about using internet “hot spots” as a way to provide off site access. His conclusion was until the infrastructure is based on 5G (fiber) there is no device that will solve the issue of access, especially for rural residents.

Training

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is providing scholarships for the Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference registration for library staff working in public libraries with municipal populations less than 25,000. We are taking advantage of this to learn from our colleagues across the US who also work in small libraries. This is a conference we probably would never attend, if it were in person only. So, yeah for live streaming (kind of). I also attended a virtual Tech Days and have some interesting apps and ideas from that session.

Finances

All department heads were charged with cutting 2.5% from general fund requests for the 2021 budget as the requested budgets totaled about \$500,000 over revenues. For the library this translates to about \$8000. So, the approved budget from September included a request for \$322,000 from the general fund and now we are requesting \$314,000. Places where I reduced spending are in Building/Maintenance, Personnel (down a page position & no retirement payout), Services (no special event funding, copier/printer moved to 214 account). The operating and materials budget are flat. Any questions or concerns, please bring to the meeting.

COVID

Ashland and Bayfield Counties, as you know, are experiencing high levels of positive cases. Based on our policies and practices and modified social behavior (people are choosing to reduce activity), staff are still feeling safe and are committed to continuing serving our community. The planning we had in place and the teamwork of all was key in minimizing the impact of having a positive case here. Besides some wonky rumors, my impression is the library has maintained its character as a trusted organization in the city and a safe place to be. People continue to be grateful we are open and supportive of our work.