

**ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING
AT Milton Public Library, Milton, WI
July 8, 2009**

Board President, John Berg called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were Jane Thompson, Richard Bostwick, Karla Nitz, Jose Carrillo, Eloise Eager and ALS Director, Ruth Ann Montgomery.

The minutes of the June 2009 meeting of the ALS board were moved approved by Karla Nitz and Eloise seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Richard Bostwick moved to approve July expenditures. Jose Carrillo seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Board members were invited to sign up for the 4-H Fair ALS booth in late July. Martha Gammons is spending one afternoon a week at the Beloit Public Library to assist them with publicity for the many programs and services that they are doing since they moved into their new building. The Beloit Public Library Board is in the process of hiring a new director. Lisa Brooks, Martha Gammons and Ruth Ann Montgomery will be attending the ALA annual meeting on Sunday July 14 in Chicago. The Milton City Administrator will be part of a presentation at ALA on the benefits of cooperative efforts between libraries and systems to provide high speed internet access to libraries. Lisa, Ruth Ann and Bill Wilson have assisted Todd with his presentation.

The funding request to Rock County was discussed. The request to the County will increase the tax levy for library services by about 5 cents per \$100,000 property value.

The 2010 LSTA grants were discussed. Two grants are non-competitive, one for technology that will be used for the contract with Hedberg for a computer trainer. The second is \$7,500 for ADA accessible equipment. It can be used to purchase software, but not computers. Two competitive grants will be for another JOBS grant to bring training for people looking for work. The other competitive grant will be for digitizing historic collections at Eager Free Public Library, the Edgerton Public Library and the Milton Historical Society.

Montgomery's review was discussed and the Personnel Committee recommended an increase of 1% for all ALS staff. Eloise Eager moved to approve the salary increase as discussed. Richard Bostwick second.

The ALS preliminary budget was presented. The funding request to Rock County was discussed. The request to the County will increase the tax levy for library services by about 5 cents per \$100,000 property value. Some income and expenses are yet to be determined.

Two communications were discussed. A complaint regarding a staff member at the Beloit Public Library was referred to the acting director and the Beloit Public Library Board. A complaint about the Spanish notice on the telephone notification was also discussed and it was determined that no change will be made and both English and Spanish messages will remain.

Jose Carrillo moved to adjourn moved to adjourn. Eloise Eager seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:03.

Next meeting is Wednesday August 12 at 6:00 at the Arrowhead Library System.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Ann Montgomery
Secretary