

## ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Arrowhead Library System office

March 10, 2010

ALS President John Berg called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Present were Karla Nitz, Richard Bostwick, Eloise Eager, Jose Carrillo, Hedberg Public Library Director Bryan McCormick and ALS Director, Ruth Ann Montgomery.

The minutes of the February 2010 meeting of the ALS board were moved approved by Richard Bostwick and seconded by Karla Nitz. The motion carried unanimously.

The bills for the month March were reviewed. John Berg moved to approve the March bills and Eloise Eager seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Broadband grant was approved. It is expected that some connections will be made within 60 to 90 days, but there is no schedule yet. All ALS libraries will have bandwidth increases: 100 mb for the Hedberg Public Library and 20 mb and fiber connections to each of the other Arrowhead Libraries.

John Berg, Bryan McCormick and Ruth Ann Montgomery attended Library Legislation Day on Tuesday, February 16. Each met with different legislators and although this is not a budget year, it was important to keep telling the story of the Wisconsin Libraries share resources and are national leaders in interlibrary loans. The sharing helps the citizens of Wisconsin save tax dollars. The Badgerlink database seems to be something that all legislators are familiar with. The database would cost more than \$40 million if each library in the state had to purchase the databases. By having the statewide service, the cost to taxpayers of Wisconsin is \$3 million. John Berg mentioned that Assemblyman Hixon was one of the movers in getting the broadband Internet access to schools and libraries. Bryan focused the information he gave to legislators on job searching and Hedberg's cooperation with UW Rock County in getting students acquainted with library resources, including computers. The camera surveillance tape laws was also mentioned by Bryan.

Shared System statistics were discussed for the months of January and February.

ALS computer trainer Sheryl Oberle has had more than 400 students attend computer classes since the first of January.

LSTA grants are underway. There will be a program at the Job Center on Emotional Intelligence on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Staff from other agencies including Job Center staff are invited to attend.

John will be gone for the ALS meeting in June.

Jose Carrillo announced that he was reappointed to the Prison Industries Board for another term.

Janesville School District is putting on a program for Caesar Chevez on March 21, 9 to 2 o'clock at the Job Center. Speakers from Madison and Milwaukee will be making presentations.

Richard Bostwick moved to adjourn. Jose Carrillo seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Ann Montgomery, Secretary

