

Executive Committee
January 20, 2021
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**PLUM CREEK LIBRARY SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 20, 2021
VIDEO CONFERENCE**

TIME & PLACE:

The Plum Creek Executive Committee met in online video conference on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Corey Sik, Chair
Lori Gunnink, Past Chair
Gene Metz, Chair Elect
Mary Ingenthron, Treasurer

ABSENT:

Jody Reisch, Secretary

Plum Creek Library System staff members Michele Leininger, Rebecca Hudson and Cleo Wicks were also in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Corey Sik called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INTRODUCTIONS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

M/S L. Gunnink/G. Metz to approve the agenda as written.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

M/S M. Ingenthron/L. Gunnink to approve the Cash Analysis, Vendor Check Register, and Monthly Payment Processing reports. Motion carried.

7. DELIVERY UPDATE/TRUCK SALE

When delivery driver Ken Walsh was injured in a car accident, it was anticipated that delivery service would be impacted with the need to reduce service to two times per week. Former driver Jim Thompson offered to step in and take the Thursday and Friday shifts while Walsh was out on medical leave and so there has been no disruption to service.

Once the new van is put into service, the old truck will need to be sold and it was suggested that it either be put up for sale at a public auction or listed for sale.

8. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CRPLSA'S LOBBYING EFFOR TO INCREASE RLBSS FUNDING

Michele Leininger met with Governor Tim Walz's Department of Education Liaison and policy staff and where she discussed RLBSS funding and the impact that funding loss has to the Plum Creek Library System every year because of the funding formula that factors equalization into it.

CRPLSA has changed its approach to the request for a funding formula change and is suggesting incremental funding increases that would be shared equally among the state's library systems.

M/S G. Metz/M. Ingenthron to support CRPLSA's resolution. Motion carried.

9. BUDGET UPDATE AND SPENDING PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Leininger shared information that she received from State Librarian Jen Nelson regarding the PCLS Director status. State statute does not require a library system to have a full-time director, and PCLS may continue to operate with a part time interim director, but the Department of Education suggests that eventually should hire a full-time director.

\$106,000 in RLTA funds will be received in March and need to be spent by June, and the state is allowing library systems to spend its RLTA Category 3 funding more broadly than in the past.

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10. COVID-19 UPDATE

Leininger provided an update on library operations throughout the system. Most libraries are open to the public or providing some level of service to the patrons, with 3-4 needing to close because staff members were out sick. All libraries are open and offering various levels of service, including in person and curbside pickup.

11. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.