



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

La Crosse Public Library
800 Main Street
La Crosse WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Library Board

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

5:15 PM

La Crosse Main Library - Director's Office
800 Main Street

LIBRARY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Call to Order

Those in attendance:

Bev Ruston, Katie Bittner (by phone), Judy Bouffleur, Araysa Simpson, Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Cynthia Arauz, Dawn Wacek

Agenda Items:

Kelly reported that a late-breaking opportunity had presented itself, then turned over the discussion to Cynthia and Dawn. Dawn reported that she had been approached by the Parenting Place regarding the use of NCL. The Parenting Place will be losing the north side location for their Monday morning Play Shoppe program at the end of September; they were asking if perhaps NCL could be used. Cynthia and Dawn were proposing that the hours at NCL be changed from 2-6, to 9-1 to accommodate this; Kelly stated that she felt that this would be a terrific demonstration of partnership. Motion by Judy, seconded by Katie to recommend to the full board that the hours at NCL be changed from 2-6 to 9-1 on Mondays effective October 1, 2017. Motion carried.

This led to a broader conversation by the committee members, who then also asked about changing hours at SCL to provide a morning, perhaps in conjunction with the Wednesday morning storytimes. Although this would not be consistent with the NCL schedule, the general feeling was that schedule consistency between the two locations is no longer of paramount importance. Motion by Araysa, seconded by Bev, to recommend to the full board that the hours at SCL be changed from 2-6 to 9-1 on Wednesdays, effective October 1, 2017. Motion carried.

1. Performance Evaluations

A brief discussion was held on the projects list that Kelly had presented. There were no comments, suggestions, or questions.

2. Staffing Levels, Hours Analysis and 2018 Budget Projections

The documentation regarding hours and staffing was reviewed. Kelly emphasized that her intent was NOT to reduce hours, but to demonstrate with data how “slim” we are in staffing to support the current schedule of hours. She emphasized that if hours were to be expanded anywhere, something else (materials, programs) would need to be reduced.

Adjournment