

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Winnefox Library System

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

MARQUETTE COUNTY ADVOCACY DVD

The Marquette County Librarian Advisory Committee shared an excellent DVD presentation with its county board this past summer. It was produced by Marie Boleman, Director of the Ethel Everhard Public Library in Wetsfield. The DVD features many Marquette County library users telling about the public library services they value. We will share the DVD presentation with you at the November 19 meeting. Discussion. **Action Requested:** None.

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF WISCONSIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In October 2007, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction commissioned Northstar Economics Inc. to carry out an economic impact study of investment in Wisconsin public libraries. The report was released in May, 2008. The study found that “the total economic contribution of Wisconsin public libraries to the Wisconsin economy is \$753,699,545. The return on investment in library services is \$4.06 for each dollar of taxpayer investment.” The full report is available online at www.northstareconomics.com. A full-color brochure summarizing the study is included with this month’s board packet and is available on the Wisconsin Library Association Foundation’s web site www.wisconsinlibraries.org. **Action Requested:** Discuss ideas about how this study might be used to advocate for Winnefox libraries.

2009 CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS

Each year we establish the dates for System and Oshkosh Public Library Board meetings. For 2009 we propose the dates in the memo included as Exhibit A., which usually fall on the last Wednesday of the month except where conflicts occur with a holiday. This schedule will accommodate Oshkosh Public Library Board meeting date changes as well as our need to schedule most meetings near the end of the month for financial purposes. Discussion. **Action Requested:** Approve 2009 calendar of Winnefox Board meetings as proposed in Exhibit A.

2009 MEETING LOCATIONS

The board directed system staff to schedule two meetings in 2008 at locations other than Oshkosh Public Library. Staff will suggest 2009 meeting locations for board consideration. Discussion. **Action Requested:** Set 2009 Winnefox Board meeting locations.

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

We are in the process of revising Winnefox staff position descriptions. Descriptions covering positions in WCTS, the Administrative Office, Printing & Graphics, Interlibrary Loan and Delivery are included as Exhibit B. Discussion. **Action Requested:** Approve revised position descriptions as proposed in Exhibit B.

2009 UNIFIED BUDGET SUMMARY

Exhibit C. contains a unified view of the 2009 Winnefox budget for your information.

This report groups all system revenues and expenditures into a single report rather than segregating the information into Winnefox, WALs and WCTS. By itemizing system expenditures into service program categories, we believe this report will be a useful tool for prioritizing system services as required in Winnefox's current strategic plan. Discussion. **Action Requested:** None.

2009 COUNTY PLANS & AGREEMENTS – STATUS UPDATE

As of this writing, one of the five Winnefox county boards has approved its 2009 plan. We expect to forward all five county plans for your consideration at the January 28, 2009 meeting.

BOARD OFFICER ELECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE –

The election of system board officers is scheduled to take place at the January 28, 2009 meeting. Appointments to this ad hoc committee are made by the president and are subject to the approval of the board. Discussion. **Action Requested:** President to appoint members to an officer election nominating committee; Board approve appointments.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS -

- **WINNEFOX ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – the report of the Assistant Director is included for your information as Exhibit D.
- **WISCONSIN DEPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION 2009-2010 BUDGET** – A press release from the State Superintendent is included as Exhibit E.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director