



Illinois Heartland Library System

Policy and Membership Committee Minutes

Monday, October 3, 2016

4:00 P.M.

Rachel Fuller called the meeting to order at 4:01 and a quorum was determined.

Roll Call:

Mary Barteau Present

Bev Obert Present

Rachel Fuller Present

Charlene Topel Present

Clyde Hall Present

Sara Zumwalt Present

Ellen Popit, IHLS staff was also present.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Sara Zumwalt and seconded by Clyde Hall to approve the minutes from the September 13th meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

In Old Business:

There was a discussion of the language needed for a bylaws policy change regarding the switch from an Advisory Council to the “Members Matter” meetings as the venue for seeking member input. Edits from Bev Obert and Ellen Popit were discussed. A revised version of the policy with new language will be sent to this committee prior to their November 7th meeting for discussion at that meeting.

There was also a discussion of the two public libraries, Centreville and Tilden, that have been closed for a significant period of time. Both libraries have communicated with the system to inform them that both hope to be open and functioning sometime in November. Ms. Popit will do a site visit to each library once they are open. This was recognized as a good faith effort by the committee and no action regarding their membership status was recommended at this time.

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An update on the situation facing the Brighton Memorial Public Library District was the third point of discussion under Old Business. The system has sought legal interpretation of the question on the ballot and what impact that has on the residents of Southwestern CUSD #9. An Open House has been planned at the library for Wednesday, October 26th and Leslie Bednar, Chris Dawdy and Ellen Popit plan to attend.

In New Business:

Ellen Popit reported that the East St. Louis School District may be interested in reapplying for system membership. This school district was suspended from membership in April, 2013 when there was no library staffing in the district. Now staffing has been restored and libraries are functioning. Site visits to the libraries are upcoming.

Other:

Ellen Popit gave a brief report in the three ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) listening tour events that were held in IHLS territory.

A motion was made by Sarah Zumwalt and seconded by Bev Obert to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Ellen Popit, IHLS Staff