

April 16, 2024

The Colona District Library Decennial Committee met with Anderson, Browning, Clark, Hughes, Koska, Massarolo, Rieger, White, and Director Hoste physically present. Rizzolo was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Colona District Library by Hughes.

Recognition of Visitors – There were no visitors.

The minutes of the September 12, 2023 meeting were approved by consensus.

Reports – The Library Report for Compliance with Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act was reviewed and discussed. The following are the recommendations to the report:

Under section II. Information about our Library – Expand to include the square miles of the district. Add that our district is adjacent to the Quad Cities area with larger libraries. List the library districts we are surrounded by. Add to C. that we serve the majority of Colona Township.

Under section III. B. Dates – Correct the April 16th date to 2024.

Under section IV. A. the third paragraph – Add more detail regarding the children's story times.

Under section IV. B. the last paragraph – Add more detail regarding providing access to an adult online database for magazines.

Under section VII. Community Partnerships – Add in the last years we have partner with the following organizations. Add that we continue to look for ways to partner with organizations.

Under section VIII. Review of Laws, Policies, Rules and Procedures, Training Materials, and Other Documents – Delete the last line Others (List below or attach).

Under section IX. What Have We Done Well? – List groups or agencies we have made the meeting room available for such as tutoring, etc. List we have reduced the number of computers but left space available for patrons to use their own computers. Expand on the remodeling projects to included ADA compliance, utilization and efficiency of space. Note the display of the different collections. Note the adult book club development. Add the word utilizes in the last line to read “...regularly reviews, utilizes, and updates...”

Under section XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently? – Add working with Colona School and the junior high students to have them obtain library cards. Add working with the University of Illinois Extension group to provide educational programs. Add working with the banks to provide classes on finances.

Under section XII. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies – Add more data regarding the district, state, and national governments.

New Business

Survey audience for input – It was noted a survey was not accomplished. It was recommended that a survey with two or three multiple choice questions be completed and results compiled. It was suggested to ask why do you use the library, what services would you like to see expanded, and what services would you like to see added. This could be done on paper as well as on the library’s webpage.

Review final report – It was recommended to have another meeting to review the Library Report for Compliance with Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act

based on the recommendations which were discussed. It was decided to hold the next meeting on July 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Colona Library.

Further Business – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Massarolo, Secretary

Next Decennial Committee Meeting – July 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.