

September 12, 2023

The Colona District Library Decennial Committee met with Clark, Hughes, Koska, Massarolo, White, Rizzolo, Anderson, Browning, and Director Hoste physically present. Rieger 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 May 9, 2023 meeting were approved by consensus.

Reports – There were no reports.

New Business

Gather information – Hoste had gathered some information and presented the Library Report for Compliance with Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act. She reported not all governmental agencies had to comply with the act,

Compile draft report – Hoste presented the draft of the Library Report for Compliance with Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act. It was recommended to do the following:

- To change the word “kids” to “children” throughout the report.
- To capitalize the word “Easter.”
- To document how many libraries in our county are district libraries.
- To document how many square miles our district covers.
- To document we are open 5 days a week from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- To note that the library is in the Colona Township and surrounded by other library districts with no opportunity to expand our library district at this time.
- To include online books as a service.
- To include an explanation of makerspace with examples such as 3D printer and a Library of Things, such as small appliances.
- To consider an adult database for magazines.
- To include the blood drive, vaccination clinic, staff education on Narcon, AED, and First Aid class as well as include the Friends of the Library under Community Partnerships.
- To change updates to reviewed in the last sentence in What Have We Done Well section.
- To promote the library more by putting the newsletter in different businesses.
- To determine if companies with electronic signs will add our programs to their signs.
- To change “high access internet along” to “high speed accessible internet” under Section XIII.
- To investigate Augustana Guild regarding recommendations to our website.

Survey audience for input – There was discussion regarding doing a short survey with our patrons for one month. The survey would be a couple of short questions asking what they would like to see the library do. There was discussion on how to do the survey. Hoste will work on a short survey and have results at our next meeting.

Determine next meeting date – It was decided to hold the next meeting on April 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Colona Library.

Further Business – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Massarolo, Secretary

Next Decennial Committee Meeting – April 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.