

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System activities
Date: 22 July 2020

The following is an update of activities since our last meeting. I would be happy to provide further details at our meeting, or feel free to give me a call or send an email in advance.

Library reimbursement payments across county lines (Act 420) report: I have received information from all our counties and the information is attached.

2021 County Funding: I am in the process of meeting with the Counties and the LACs to review the budgetary requests for 2021. Marquette, Green Lake, and Waushara committees will all be meeting again in August to come to an agreement to present to their full county boards. The final local county reimbursement figures will be confirmed in November with the passing of the full county budget.

This budget process is the crux of the conflict between the Waushara libraries, Winnefox, and the Waushara County Administrator. Despite efforts to educate the Administrator regarding the role of Winnefox (we provide information and a budget proposal using the agreement between the System and the County), support for the libraries has been seen as undermining the Administrator's authority. Due to this contentious relationship, I will be gathering the publicly available budgetary information from the libraries in the hopes that more information might ease this conflict. The Library Services Committee will be making a budget recommendation on August 10 and will be meeting with the Administrator that week.

Grants: Winnefox was approved for a LSTA Connectivity Grant through the DPI which covered the cost of the System's two Zoom Pro licenses. Additionally, Winnefox partnered with 5 other systems for a LSTA Cybersecurity Technology Training Grant, which will cover the cost of Infosec, a training program that will test system and member library staff on their ability to recognize cyber threats.

Redgranite Public Library received a Wisconsin Humanities CARES Act Grant to cover the cost of PPE and additional staffing this summer. Winnefox's 20 smallest libraries will be receiving TEACH Information Technology Infrastructure Grants.

Library News: Linda Alsum-O'Donovan was hired as the new director of the Oakfield Public Library.