

January 28, 2009  
Port Library Trustee Board Special Meeting Minutes

Port Library Board of Trustees met January 28th, 2009 in a Special Meeting called to discuss the New Library Building structure.

Chairperson Rick Larson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. **Present were** Rick Larson, Brenda Schultz, Kitty Wagner, Kelly Kimerer, Director Pat Heidrick and Adult Assistant Marla Evert.

Representing the City of Beloit was Councilor Craig Cousland.  
Janice Bassford also joined the meeting.

Rick Larson, Director Pat Heidrick, and Youth Service Librarian Rachel Malay had met immediately before the last regularly scheduled meeting to discuss ways to lower the cost of a new library building. Rick Larson distributed copies of a New Library floor plan, he had highlighted several areas, four outdoor spaces and the front canopy could be removed, also removing one half of the off street concrete parking. Having the lot leveled, would be a positive. A lot of the cost to the building appears to be in the meeting room located in the front of the building. The meeting room, although smaller (accommodating 30-40) and moved further inside the Library, could be the location of an internet cafe. It could include a basic kitchenette. There would be an outside entrance to the meeting room with access to the main library locked when necessary.

New suggestions included a 1,500 square foot basement. This is the maximum size allowed to be without two means of exit. Basement could be located under staff area and used as storage only. The sizes of the basement would be approximately 38' X 38'.

Rick Larson asked for Trustee opinions for ways to shrink costs, but keep the integrity and meet library standards for a new library building.

Many ideas were verbalized.

- Change the roof line, not as many levels.
- Interior ceiling 10' to 11'.
- Simplify exterior design to cut costs.
- Slide meeting room across south end of stack area.
- Square the building up, enclose the north east corner, slide staff area into the building.
- Adjust interior floor plan.
- Keep meeting room in front of the building, pull back half of meeting room into the building. Keeps building face appealing.
- South stairway, Beloit High School class alumni may want to sponsor saving the stairway.
- Moving library stacks to outside walls.
- Moving stack to outside walls, lose one side of stack.

Director Pat Heidrick is concerned projected space may not be adequate.

The public may not be receptive to the possibility of expansion in just a few years down the road.

Pat believes that the Beloit community needs a meeting room, and would like to include a meeting room that will accommodate more people.

Monies may be available in the future, specifics not available at this time, for "shovel ready projects".

A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th, at 4:00 p.m. at the NCK Technical College.

There will be a discussion about a partnership of Port Library Board and NCK Technical College.

Clark Coco, representing the College, Members and Director Pat Heidrick as representatives

for the Library Trustees. Craig Cousland and Doug Gerber representing the City of Beloit.

Rick Larson declared for the Port Library Board of Trustees:

"We do not agree in placing a new Library building located on the NCK Technical College campus."

The trustees are very concerned about the safety of the patrons of the Library.

Councilor Craig Cousland mentioned that, in discussion at the February 10th meeting, the Library Trustees may be surprised the location of proposed building is not on the campus.

Rick Larson will visit with Mr. Marrs, with suggested changes.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brenda Schultz. Kitty Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Port Library Board of Trustee meeting February 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

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