WPLC Board Meeting Minutes March 12, 2009 Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point

Present: Lin Swartz-Truesdell (KCLS), Stef Morrill (SCLS), Mellanie Mercier (WCFLS), David Weinhold (ESLS), Krista Ross (SWLS), Inese Christman (WVLS), Noreen Fish (WRLS), Maureen Welch (IFLS), Gus Falkenberg (IFLS), Melody Clair (ALS), Evan Bend (OWLS), Kristen Anderson (WRLS), David Polodna (WRLS), Mark Arend (Winnefox), Steve Heser (MCFLS), Jim Trojanowski (NWLS), Phyllis Davis (SCLS), Peggy Shaffer (Lakeshores), Linda Miller, Project Manager, and Peter Hamon.

1. Reports from the WPLC Partners

Stef Morrill and Beth Carpenter are planning an unconference for August at Stevens Point. The date has not yet been set.

2. Budget

Stef distributed the report on the 2009 budget to date. Some WPLC partners are waiting for LSTA funds to pay 2009 WPLC membership fees.

3. OverDrive

Over 100 library staff members attended the introductory training held in February and over 50 attended the troubleshooting training offered in early March. OverDrive reported that the attendance at the introductory session broke the record for number of persons attending.

Use of the downloadable digital collections continues to increase. Audiobook circulation increased 72% in 2008 over 2007. Music circulation increased 553%, and video circulation increased 67%.

OverDrive is offering new functionality including mobile access from web enabled devices, which should be available later this year, and the ability for patrons, who are signed into their accounts, to rank titles. The average of all ratings is displayed. Partners agreed to add this functionality to the WPLC Digital Download Center.

The list of the system staff members who receive notices from WiLS of MARC records for OverDrive titles was distributed. Lakeshores and NWLS need to be added.

4. Meeting Options

Several of the partners have begun using or testing web conferencing systems as an alternative to faceto-face or telephone conference meetings. All partners are interested in web conferencing systems and in the possibility of sharing such a system especially if there is a price break. Currently, GoToMeeting/Webinar is the system which partners are currently using. Linda distributed a draft survey designed to collect critical information to determine the level of interests and options available. Partners will review the draft and submit any changes by March 13. The survey will be revised and distributed. Results will be shared at the next meeting.

5. Annual Meeting/WPLC Governance

The board decided to table any action on a change in governance and election of officers until the next meeting to allow for the topics to first be discussed in the planning session. The planning session followed, facilitated by Peter Hamon. Peter will issue a separate report.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in Wisconsin Dells at 10:00 AM on May 6, the day of the SRLAAW meeting. Mark Arend will check with the public library regarding the availability of meeting space.

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