

**Minutes from the 5/14/19 meeting of the Lafayette County Planning Committee
in Darlington**

1. Meeting called to order by Laf. County Board Rep. Bob Boyle at 9:35am. In attendance: David Kranz, Gretchen Dietrich, Marion Howard, Bob Boyle & Candi Fitzsimons
2. Approval of Agenda: Marion & Gretchen
3. Approval of Minutes: Candi & Gretchen
4. Old Business
 - a. Money Smart-Bob, Mary Moore & Pam Hinderman spoke to the D-ton high school students on financial topics; Christina from Town Bank in Dton visited Story Hour; P¹ National in Dton will be doing an afterschool Money Program at JPL; Town Bank gave 3 money seminars; Candi shared free "Count on Pablo" books from Money Smart with Gretchen.
 - b. Mental Health Matters update-outreach at Laf. Cty. Senior Social and Dton Cinco de Mayo; working on legislation to streamline emergency detentions; monthly meetings at courthouse on 4th Thurs. of each month at 9am. Let Candi know if you want to be on the email list.
 - c. Homelessness update-Dave shared info on Ryan Dowd's Homelessness Workshop on May 16. Discussion about homeless issues in our libraries.
5. New Business

Summer Programs-Gretchen has John Heasley coming June 5 & will have an abbreviated Summer Program due to library renovations and local school events. Candi also has John Heasley, as well as Jeff McMullen, along with several YS-led activities beginning June 10.
6. County Board
 - a. Summaries-Bob & Virginia attended
 - b. Upcoming- May-Gretchen, June-Candi, July-Bob (may be cancelled for County Fair)
7. Library Updates: Blanchardville had school kids help move books, sold most furniture, tore out built-ins, did painting and electrical work & put in a new ceiling. Carpet will be in soon, as well as custom furniture, shelving, HVAC. The books will be back at the end of May. Please don't request anything until then. Grand re-opening early June. Darlington had a successful Month of Water in March, with children's activities, an art show, a community read, and a visit from Jerry Apps! 150 in attendance! The Lafayette County Historical Society is implementing a new database, which Marion is learning. They're also renovating their lower level. David reported that the Benton Library is beginning a campaign for a new library/community center.
8. SWLS Director Report: Our tech agreement with Lakeshores is moving right along. A committee has been working on reorganizing/reprioritizing system services to be more in line with other systems in the state and support professional librarianship. Verso 6



update will be happening Aug. 9-12. Everyone should be preparing by watching their videos and attending their webinars. There is a need for new directors at Barneveld, Lone Rock, Mineral Point & Spring Green.

9. Next meeting date: Aug. 27 at 9:30am in Blanchardville's newly-renovated library!

*please note Bob's new email:

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10. Meeting adjourned by: Candi & Gretchen

Submitted by: Candi

