

JOINT COUNCIL/LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2001
2:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council and Library Committee for the City of Crosslake met at City Hall on Thursday, May 3, 2001 at 2:00 P.M. The following Councilmembers were present: Sandy Eliason, Charles (Chuck) Miller, Irene Schultz and Dean Swanson. Absent was Mayor Darrell Swanson. Present from the Library Committee was Chairman Ray Smyth, Virginia Dolmar, Marilyn Daughenbaugh and Jake Tiggelaar. Also present was City Administrator Thomas (Tom) Swenson, Clerk/Treasurer Darlene Roach, Lake Country Echo Reporter Betty Ryan, Kitchigami Regional Library Director Marian Ridge, Crow Wing County Commissioner Ed Larsen and Crow Wing County Library Board Representative Dawn Stasteen.

Chairman Ray Smyth called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to clear the air and clarify any misunderstandings between the Kitchigami Regional Library System Staff and members of the Crosslake Library Committee. After all introductions were made, the meeting was open for discussion.

Chairman Ray Smyth reviewed various comments expressed by attendees from the City who were present at the Minnesota House of Representatives Finance Committee Meeting in St. Paul. The House Committee attendees did not feel that Crosslake had support from Kitchigami Regional Library Director Marian Ridge who also was in attendance at the meeting. Comments that were made both during and after the House Committee Meeting were reviewed. Marian Ridge was then given the opportunity to explain and/or refute the comments.

Director Marian Ridge distributed a handout which responded to various comments that were published in the Lake Country Echo and expressed at the House Committee Meeting. After review of the handout, a very lengthy discussion ensued.

Commissioner Ed Larsen reviewed how Crow Wing County levies for the Regional Library System and what portion of the contribution comes from the City of Crosslake. It was noted that Crow Wing County as a whole contributes more financial support than what the County receives back from the Library System.

After considerable discussion, the group agreed to remain amicable in an effort to support the reality of a library in the City.

(This meeting was taped and the tape is on file at City Hall.)

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene J. Roach
Clerk/Treasurer