



Waunakee Rotary Club

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Waunakee Village Administrator Kim Wilde provided an update of the efforts to find a library location at the Waunakee Rotary meeting Dec. 13.

The current location is too small to house the growing number of materials and still provide programming, Wilde said. With more books and other collection materials in demand by the village's growing population, the library has lost space for its users. And the library is in jeopardy of losing \$90,000 in funding if it fails to keep up with the demand for materials.

Wilde said circulation numbers continue to grow and that the Waunakee library sees more use than others.

"We have a very literate population. People do use our library," Kim said.

Waunakee's library is also smaller than others in Dane County communities – even in communities with fewer residents.

Based on figures from the Department of Public Instruction, village officials believe that 30,942 square feet will be needed for a new library to meet the population of 2010. Based on the projected population of 2030, the village would be wise to build a 40,000-square-foot library and plan for the future, Kim said.

The village would need 4.5 acres to build a library on a "greenfield" or undeveloped site because stormwater retention measures and access roads would need to be included in the plan, Kim said.

If a library were built in a developed area with stormwater retention and roads in place, 2.5 acres would be needed to accommodate both parking and the building.

Waunakee's ad hoc library committee has looked at 15 sites and based on a set of criteria, chosen 4 possible library locations.

They include the Ganser site on Woodland Drive and Simon Crestway, the corner of Madison and Main Street, the Breunig property at Division and Main Street and the Waunakee Alloy property at North Madison Street.

"Each of these sites has advantages and disadvantages," Kim said, "We feel confident that a library will work well on each of these sites."

Village officials are now working toward a November referendum. In order to put a question on the ballot, they are getting cost figures for each of the options. The staff is also working on the problem of soil contaminants at the Alloy site. Kim said brownfield grants may be available to remediate the soil if residential uses could be included at the site.

Other items:

- President Lynn Spielman said the club will elect a new board of directors in February. There are some vacancies on the board, including president elect.

- All of the slots for the Rotary in Lights are filled except Christmas eve and Christmas day, said Bob Pulvermacher. Extra help would also allow the solo greeters to warm up in the warming hut. Lynne told the club that Van Go Taxi offers free rides to the event. Phil Willems expressed kudos to Ray Statz for plowing out Village Park.

- Tammy Reeve said although the volunteers considered canceling the Santa at the Village Center event on that freezing rainy and snowy Dec. 1, they persevered and 115 children attended. She said Mr. and Mrs. Santa were awesome, Community Services Coordinator Sue McDade did crafts, and the high school choral director brought students to sing.

- Bill Erickson, Phil Willems, Tom Reis and Ben Ballweg are back from Haiti. Bill extended a thank you to the individuals who donated funds and

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Calendar of Events:

Rotary in Lights, Nov. 26-
Jan. 1.

Christmas Party, Jan. 25.

went on the trip, and he shared pictures. There will be a program on the trip a future meeting. Ben Ballweg, son of Rotarian Ken Ballweg, said he didn't know Rotary could be so much fun.

Guests: Louise Bauer, guest of Kim Wilde; Ben Ballweg, guest of Ken Ballweg.

Visiting Rotarians: Gayle Langer, Downtown Madison.

Birthdays: None this week.

Anniversaries: Dec. 26, Bob and Mary Jane Nicholson

Prayers: Dec. 20, Kim Wilde; Dec. 28, Pat Durden.

Programs: Dec. 20, caroling at the Manor; Dec. 27, social meeting; Jan. 3, Club Assembly.

Greeters: Dec. 20, Dave Kennedy, Neil King; Dec. 27, Jim Kramer, Ed Kruchten; Jan. 3, Dave Kruchten, Neil Kruscheck; Jan. 10, Margaret Landphier, Craig Larson.

See you next week!

Make up meetings online

It's easy to make up a meeting on the Internet. The site is www.rotaryclubone.org. Print out the form and give it to Phil Willems, the club secretary.