

Directors' Association

Upper Hudson Library System
Friday, January 5, 2007 at UHLS

Attending: Judith Wines (ALTM); Nancy Pieri (BETH); Julie Zelman (BRUN); Darlene Miller (CAST); Deborah Canzano (COHS); Bob Jaquay (COLN); Debbie Shoup (EGRN); Barbara Nichols Randall (GUIL); Carol Gaillard (HOOF); Lenny Zapala (MEND); Judy Felsten (RCSC); Candy Wilson (RVLL); Jane Minotti (SNLK); Paul Hicok (TROY); Phil Ritter (UHLS); Gail Sacco (VOOR); Ginger Hewitt (WVLT)

Visitors: Candy Wilson was welcomed as Acting Director at RVLL

Meeting convened at 9:08 AM

Minutes:

Motion: (Pieri/ Nichols Randall) to approve December 1, 2006 minutes. Carried.

UHLS: Phil Ritter

- UHLS's new tenant, NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault, will be moved in by end of month. Renovations of space are nearly complete.
- It was announced yesterday that Sirsi Dynix company was acquired by "Vista Equity Partners."
- Libraries should contact Mary Fellows by Jan. 15 if they are interested in a free family performance during "Riverway Storytelling Festival."
- 35 Large Print books are available from the dissolved Pool Collection. Contact Mary for more information.
- Phil reported on the Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration program offered by Jerry Nichols of CW Post. A minimum of 25 people would be required per course. Participants would be charged \$800/ course with credits earned from CW Post. There was discussion of UHLS negotiating for rental of its space. UHLS is not interesting in doing enrollment paperwork, entering a contract, or making space available at no charge. Phil will see if there is enough interest to continue.
- Status of Plan of Service- DLD accepted the UHLS Plan of Service with "minor revisions".
- Construction Grants- Questions came up with several applications. Seven UHLS grants were submitted for the \$800,000 Construction Grant, and 16 applications were submitted for the \$14 million Construction Grant. UHLS submitted its recommendations to DLD at the end of December; awards will be announced by January 31 by DLD.
- "Big Read"- programs will begin on May 4, the date of the kick-off event- a screening of the movie followed by a lecture featuring Lucy Anne Hurston. Programs will be held thru May.

UHLS Board: P. Ritter

Board approved Construction Grant recommendations and the 2007 budget.

UHLS Administration: N. Pieri

2007 Annual Meeting will be held at Albany Country Club on June 13 and potential speakers were discussed.

Services: R. Jaquay

The Committee approved the Construction Grant recommendations and will meet to review the LSTA training grant as well as Outreach mini-grant applications.

Finance Committee: P. Ritter

2007 budget was approved.

Central Library: P. Hicok

No report

Agenda Additions:

Advocacy:

B. Nichols Randall suggested visiting legislators prior to NYLA Lobby Day, March 13. She will contact Michael Borges for suggestions on advocacy among UHLS libraries prior to Lobby Day.

NYLINK Membership Structure:

B. Nichols-Randall spoke about the membership structure. Non-members of NYLINK must pay full-price to attend NYLINK workshops; direct members, such as CDLC, to get half-price for workshops.

New Business:

G. Sacco suggested a DA meeting with UHLS management team to learn about their strategic goals for 2007.

Motion: (Sacco/ Miller) to invite the UHLS Management Team to a Directors Association meeting to hear what their 2007 goals are. Carried.

P. Hicok noted that the position of Vice-President of the Directors Association is vacant. Deborah Canzano volunteered to serve as Vice-President of the Directors Association. She was nominated by P. Hicok and elected unanimously.

Old Business:

None

Nuts & Bolts:

COLN: Has switched vendors from Ingram to Baker & Taylor.

SNLK: Plans are being made for Library's 20th birthday celebration in August 2007.

CAST: Darlene discussed staff morale and the Director's relationship with Board of Trustees.

EGRN: Rensselaer County Civil Service applications for Librarian 1 & 2 and Director's positions are due Jan. 17. EGRN is developing new Technology plan due Feb. 2.

WTVT: Ginger reported that the Board is active in fundraising as a result of fall UHLS Trustee workshop.

COHS: Debbie reported high attendance at Poppy Doodle Puppet Show in December.

ALTM: Judith reported that Board is actively reviewing procedures and policies.

RCSC: The 4th Annual Library Fun Fair is scheduled to coincide with kindergarten registration. RCSC Library may be gaining space from another Town department.

VOOR: Land acquisition is completed; a building committee has formed. Gail was invited to attend "Library Journal Design Institute" in Queens and found it very worthwhile.

GUIL: Video games will begin circulating on Feb. 2. 2007 marks 50th year in Library's history, and 15th in current building. Theme for yearlong celebration is "Growing for Generations."

Adjournment

Motion: (Canzano/ Miller) Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM. Next meeting February 2, 2007 at 9 AM at UHLS.

Submitted by,
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