

**Directors' Association
Upper Hudson Library System
Friday, April 3, 2009 at UHLS**

Attending: Kathy Stempel (BERN); Nancy Pieri (BETH Darlene Miller (CAST); Deborah Canzano (COHS); Richard Naylor (COLN); Barbara Nichols Randall (GUIL); Carol Gaillard (HOOOF); Lenny Zapala (MEND); Pat Sahr (NASS); Judy Felsten (RCSC); Candy Wilson (RVLL); Mindy Fowler (SNLK); Laurenne Teachout (STEP); Paul Hicok (TROY); Phil Ritter (UHLS);

Visitors: Debbie Shoup for Rens; Naomin Haughy, intern Cohs

Minutes:

Meeting convened at 9.01 AM

Motion: (Zapala/Naylor) To approve minutes of March 6, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

UHLS: Phil Ritter

Invitations to annual meeting went out. Check with your staff as interest in attending in running high due to speaker.

State reports: As of 4/2/09, all the UHLS member library reports have been accepted by the state. This is the earliest that has ever happened and means that there should be no delay in receiving the state money when it is finally released.

A reminder that member library narrative reports are due to Heidi by April 20th.

Delivery service: ADLS ahs received a contract from MVLS (CDLC and SALS are still with Velocity) and the senior driver, Bob, is going to do that new route so there will be a new driver for us.

14 million in construction money will be in the state budget and there will be workshops. All who are interested are encouraged to go. Check the DLD website for workshop information.

Don't forget to give Phil any up-dates on construction needs for 2010 – 2014 for the DLD survey. If he doesn't hear from you he won't make changes and if the construction project isn't on the survey it won't get funded.

NYLA is giving Library Assistant training. Information went out through the courier. Check the NYLA website for more information.

UHLS and CDLA are co-sponsoring a workshop “The Future is Not out of Reach; Change, Emerging Trends, 2.0, and Libraries” on May 7, 2009 at the Clifton Park-Half-moon Public Library.

UHLS Board: N. Pieri: March meeting was business as usual.

UHLS Administration: T Burke: Didn't meet.

Services Committee: R. Naylor: SRP mini-grant was approved. Also approved second year of “Explore Your Shores”

Finance Committee: N. Pieri: Business as usual.

Central Library: T. Burke: Didn't meet.

New Business: Barbara Nichols Randall says her PR person suggested that Upper Hudson do some news releases for all the libraries to get better coverage during special library related times such as National Library Week. Member libs would need to send UHLS the info. Paul Hicok pointed out that it might be showing up UHLS more than the local library which would not be a desired result.

It was decided that Richard Naylor will put out an email on the director's line asking for input and we will all discuss it there.

Old Business: None

Nuts & Bolts:

Pat Sahr (NASS): They used the last of their construction grant money and it has made quite an improvement to the library.

Darlene Miller (CAST): 2 Board members resigned.

Nancy Pieri (BETH): Their Teen film fest was a big success with over 100 people. The films the kids made can be viewed on YouTube through a link on the Bethlehem website.

Mindy Fowler (SNLK): Their construction grant has not been completed and they can't ask for another extension. If they don't complete in time they will not be able to get any more construction grants.

Lenny Zapala (MEND): has a minor vandalism problem he is handling.

Paul Hicok (TROY): They are having problems getting people out of the library at night. They are also revising their fund-raising efforts.

Debbie Shoup for Jane Chirgwin (RENS): Jane will be backing April 14th.

Laurence Teach out (STEP): They are moving forward with their efforts to become a special district library. Doing a lot of programs, and got an ALA grant from Toyota to buy 50 Japanese books.

Carol Gaillard (HOOF): got a donation and bought a cube for the children's area. She has a very smelly patron.

Candy Wilson (RVLL): is working on a new fund raiser – “Festival of Writers” to be a weekend long program. It is still in the planning stages. They are also making a new computer room out of the kitchen.

Kathy Stempel (BERN): will get the bike rack she asked about on legislation day and has Henry Hudson visiting.

Barbara Nichols Randall (GUIL): The children involved in the arson incidence were being tutored at the time and, obviously, weren't being supervised properly. Barbara talked to the school district and the library has created guidelines for tutoring sessions. They will all be in the meeting room, they will have to register, and they will have to follow guidelines for behavior of students including one that says that student can not be unaccompanied anywhere in the building if they have been suspended from school.

Judy Felsten (RCSC): Their “wag and Tales” program is taking off and they are having a teen writing workshop.

Adjournment

Motion: (Zapala/Gaillard) To adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM. Next meeting is May 1, 2009 at 9 AM at UHLS.

Submitted by,
Debbie Canzano