

# Directors' Association

Upper Hudson Library System

Friday, June 5, 2009 at UHLS

Attending: Tim Burke (APLM); Nancy Pieri (BETH); Julie Zelman (BRUN); Deborah Canzano (COHS); Barbara Nichols Randall (GUIL); Carol Gaillard (HOOF); Lenny Zapala (MEND); Pat Sahr (NASS); Judy Felsten (RCSC); Candy Wilson (RVLL); Mindy Fowler (SNLK); Paul Hicok (TROY); Gail Sacco (VOOR); Sue Black (WTVT)

Meeting convened at 9 am

Nancy Pieri moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting; Lenny Zapala seconded and the motion was carried.

Gail Sacco moved that the slate of officers (Deborah Canzano, president; Judith Wines, vice-president; Margie Morris, secretary) be approved; Lenny seconded and the slate was approved.

UHLS report from Phil Ritter:

- Lifetime certificates handed out to the directors; none of the trustees recommended will be attending the Annual meeting.
- June 30 – state construction grants are due at UHLS
- Trustee workshop will be held in September (see attachment); the registrations will be handed out at the Annual Meeting and also be mailed in August
- The shipping room has been expanded; the work was done in 4 days; the floors are cleaned; Mary weeded the children's section and those books will be available to member libraries.
- MVLS has moved their delivery to ALDS; SALS and CDLC are also going to move over to ALDS.
- United Way picked up the Big Read grant and they were approved; however they have decided not to do the grant due to the work involved
- Michael Borges is supporting a grant with WMHT to help New Yorkers deal with today's economy; WMHT wants libraries to disseminate material and have space in the library for programs; Katherine Jetter is the contact person with Jo-Ann.
- UHLS will do marketing coordination with newspapers on general library news, for example Banned Book Week; see attached yellow proposal; Mary Fellows will put this in place; Nancy Pieri moved to go forward with this project; Tim Burke seconded the motion and it was approved.
- Sister Anne Bryan Smollin's books will be for sale at the Annual Meeting.

UHLS Board: no report

UHLS Administration: Reviewed the Trustee of the year awards and selected Rob Ganz from GUIL.

Services Committee: Reviewed construction grants. The seed account for Outreach Mini-grants was tabled.

Finance Committee: no report

Central Library: no report

Old Business:

- A discussion was held on changing ASC meetings from 12 to 6; Phil will check with the UHLAN contract in order to amend since we are at the beginning of a 3-year contract. January meeting was already cancelled and June's will have to be cancelled because there is no agenda. When the meeting is changed to Fridays we can see if attendance increases.
- Mindy Fowler and Evelyn Butrico met to discuss the databases. They are going to see if NOVEL has TIP sheets.

New Business:

- Tim Burke resigned from UHLS Administration committee; Julie Zelman will take his place.
- A lengthy discussion was held on unserved and underserved areas. New York State has not addressed this issue, leaving libraries to try to compensate monetarily by charging membership fees to people in those areas.
- Nancy talked about BETH receiving a large number of ILL from out of area. They are considering an initial fee for requesting.

Nuts and Bolts:

NASS – working on summer reading program

BETH – found space to increase the teen area

SNLK – finding problems with renovation; Marketing class at SUNY has chosen to work with them and SNLK will receive marketing strategy from them

RCSC – Libby Post will meet with the board about consumer information

MEND – Lisa Newman got the web site up and running

TROY – June 18 is the I Love My Library Cruise fund raiser; an amendment to their bill passed the in the State Assembly giving them 3 years and no limit to elections held

BRUN – September 2009 they will be moving into the new building; they have received some large donations and a donated sign

RVLL – working on the summer reading program; also working on the Festival of Writers to be held July 31 – August 2; there will be a street fair, book vendors, children’s events, Twitches; William Kennedy and Andy Rooney will speak.

WTVT – Fit for Life programming being held; preparing for summer reading program; interviewing for director

GUIL – fixing sky light with louvers; sponsoring a New Yorkers for Better Libraries mixer

APLM – the 5 projects are on schedule and budget

COHS – roof has been fixed; received an extension on the construction grant; mayor is requiring notarization of all volunteers; packets were received for any library that wants to have a green clothing drop box at their location, the library would receive money based on the pounds of clothing sold.

Barbara Nichols Randall proposed that the July meeting be cancelled. Lenny Zapala seconded the motion and it was approved.

Lenny moved to adjourn with Barbara seconding. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. Next meeting will be August 7, 2009 at 9 am at UHLS.