

Upper Hudson Library System

Directors' Association

Friday, August 7th at UHLS

Attending: Judith Wines (ALTM) Carol Neringer (APLM); Nancy Pieri (BETH); Julie Zelman (BRUN); Deborah Canzano (COHS); Debbie Shoup (EGRN); Barbara Nichols Randall (GUIL); Carol Gaillard (HOOF); Lenny Zapala (MEND); Pat Sahr (NASS); Judy Feldstein (RCSC); Candy Wilson (RVLL); Mindy Fowler (SNLK); Laurenne Teachout (STEP); Phil Ritter (UHLS); Amanda Benedict (WTVT)

Meeting convened at 9:02 am

Barbara Nichols-Randall moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Nancy Pieri seconded and the motion carried.

New directors were introduced: Amanda Benedict from WTVT and Carol Nersinger from APLM

UHLS report from Phil Ritter

UHLS is planning the following workshops in upcoming weeks:

Effective meeting workshop on August 20th

Grant writing workshop on September 10th

Trustee workshop on September 24th.

UHLS is planning an open house on September 30th from 9:30-4:30. Two identical sessions with management teams will include a building tour. The goal is present an opportunity to familiarize library staff with Upper Hudson.

Jonathan Koppel resigned effective 7/31. No decision has been made except that the department will be reorganized in some way. Discussion ensued about adequate staffing to address server and other technical problems.

Committee and Board Reports

UHLS Board -No Report

UHLS Administration - No Report

Central Library - No Report

Finance - No Report

Services- No Report

Old Business

An increase in books returned from outside the system has been noted. This has affected libraries' ILL budgets. It was revealed that the proper procedure is to send items back via UHLS.

Attention was called to the need to include both post office boxes and street addresses in borrower records.

Nuts and Bolts

STEP: - Chickens around the world program was very successful

EGRN: SRP enrollment filled the first day, children's room move coming up in December, water damage in new building required re-corking, new flashing, etc.

ALTM: preparing for bike race, working on EPF

SNLK: has hired a 12 hour a week children's librarian, working on closing out state construction grants.

HOOF: SRP attendance is strong, reading list problems with schools.

RVLL: Festival of writers went well. Today is Candy's last day.

BRUN: A moving date has been set.

MEND: No news

APLM: Hitting the deck running. Two new management positions, facilities and fiscal officers, have been created.

NASS: Great attendance, Teen volunteers. Flood in Library was handled.

GUIL: Dazzle Dogs were a huge hit. Issue with out-of-system patrons persists.

BETH: Closing out old construction project - roof repair, beginning next one - new parking lot. Assistant director has retired

WTVT: Planning more family and early literacy programs. Received donation from Kids Count to buy new kids book. getting new DVD cases.

RCSC: Holly bushes were pruned and shears were left behind. Started T(w)een drop-in.

COHS: Next Friday is Debbie's last day. City is appointing an administrator for the interim. City is considering moving Library to a smaller location.

The Director's Association is planning its workshop on November 6th.

Lenny: We appreciate Debbie's service and wish her luck.

Judy Feldstein made a motion to adjourn, Carol Nersinger seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:08. Next meeting will be September 4th at UHLS at 9:00.