

**Directors' Association**  
**Upper Hudson Library System**  
**Friday, June 4, 2010 at Bach Branch of APL**

**Attending:** Judith Wines (ALTM); Carol Nersinger (APLM); Nancy Pieri (BETH); Julie Zelman (BRUN); Sukrit Goswami (COHS); Evelyn Butrico (EGRN); Barbara Nichols Randall (GUIL); Pat Sahr (NASS); Margie Morris (POES); Kim Graff (RVLL); Mindy Fowler (SNLK); Paul Hicok (TROY); Gail Sacco (VOOR); Amanda Benedict (WTVT)

**Visitors:** Jo-Ann Bendetti, UHLS

**Minutes:**

Meeting convened at 9:10 AM

**Motion: ( Nichols Randall/Goswami)** To approve minutes of May 7, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

**UHLS: Jo-Ann Benedetti**

- No word on construction grants
- LSTA – 2-year grant - \$28,000. “Tell Me About It- Intergenerational Storytelling Program. There are 10 libraries participating – 5 the first year and 5 the next year.
- Gail Sacco congratulated UHLS on the smoothest migration experienced (new server).

**UHLS Board & Finance Committee: N. Pieri**

- Appointed a nominating committee for officers – officers selected
- Construction grant to be at UHLS by 7/15, corrections by 7/28. Use forms from last year until new State budget is passed.
- Barbara NicholsRandall reported that the Legislative Committee members visited numerous legislators to try to get items passed – even some that had no costs attached to them. The committee was told the construction money was safe but money to libraries/systems would be reduced.

**UHLS Administration: J Zelman**

- No meeting – no news
- Tenant issue continue

**Services Committee: R. Naylor**

- Looked at the way construction money is allocated – no changes made

**Central Library: P Hicok**

- No meeting

**Nominating Committee:**

- Slate presented: President - Judith Wines; Vice President – Carol Nersinger; Secretary – Margie Morris

**Motion: (Nichols Randall/Butrico)** To accept slate as presented. Approved by acclamation, unanimous.

**New Business:**

- Gail Sacco – continuing education. The issue of “dues” went back to committee and seems to be a dead issue. Discussion of doing a Spring CE – smaller version of what is typically done. Committee will continue to discuss.
- Jo-Ann Benedetti announced that Rob Carle & his wife had a boy, Theodore, on May 25. All is well.

## Old Business:

- UHLS Board will announce new Executive Director at Annual Dinner.

## Nuts & Bolts:

SNLK: Getting ready for Summer Reading

COHS: Getting ready for Summer Reading

APLM: All libraries will be closed on 6/26 as they are replacing the main electrical switch. The last new branch opening is scheduled for June 12

RVLL: New director started last Thursday. She is getting used to the library.

GUII: Budget passed. Will start schematic design for new project. Administration area has new furniture. Will begin restricting some copies of new titles.

TROY: Cruise on Hudson – 6/17. Elevator project needs to be done by 6/30

EGRN: Budget season – presented to Board in June, public hearing in July, vote on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussion regarding holding a vote on Rosh Hashanah. It was suggested they look into the availability of absentee ballots. EGRN is drafting a letter to the State re: Castleton Library Board. The CAST Board is made up of 6 Village of Castleton residents and 3 Schodack residents. EGRN is not represented and the CAST service area does not include Schodack. Evelyn also reported that the old CAST Board is suing DLD, State Ed, Bernie Margolis and is using library money to do so.

NASS: Received \$5,000 from Hudson River Foundation to be used on programming.

ALTM: Asked about a construction grant for a circ desk. Response was usually approved if part of a larger construction project – not a stand alone. (Amanda Benedict reported that she had attended a DLD workshop on construction grants. They were able to go with the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest bidder for construction.) ALTM will hold its annual chicken BBQ.

BETH: Roofing is done – skylights have been an issue. Parking lot is almost done. Paton shelter is not done yet. They will hold a staff development day on 6/18. Purchased a concrete chess board for outside with a memorial gift.

VOOR: Gail missed the AED training – if anyone is having training please let her know. Budget passed. NY Council on Humanities – in the fall will do a history of Ellis Island – will be reading a book, doing a blog, and taking a trip to Ellis Island in October.

BRUN: Garden Day 6/5 – Bake & Book Sale. Asked about carpet cleaning schedules.

POES: Discussion of complaint from patron about holding Market Day (rain date) on a Sunday.

WTVT: Working on getting a steady stream of funding. Board does not want to go out to community. Board only has 4 members right now. They are working on summer programs for all ages.

## Adjournment

**Motion: (Pieri/ Nersinger)** To adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10AM. No meeting in July. Next meeting is August 6, 2010 at 9 AM at UHLS.

Submitted by,  
*Margie Morris*