

SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 10, 2005

MINUTES

PRESENT: Erin Apostol (Chair), Brian Hartson, Lois Prenovost, Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

EXCUSED: LouAnne Lundgren

ABSENT: Robert Jaquay

I. NEA GRANT APPLICATION - "The Big Read"

The Committee members discussed the grant proposal. B. Hartson expressed dissatisfaction with the limited choice of books. P. Ritter noted that the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) established a list of books and the project had to select a book from that group. To Kill A Mockingbird was selected by the Adult Services Advisory Council, which works with Jo-Ann Benedetti, and approved by the Directors Association.

The grant request of \$35,000 was the maximum allowable. P. Ritter mentioned that there are time constraints in submitting the application and if the UHLS libraries are going to participate, the grant must be approved at the August Board meeting.

Extensive discussion about the publicity and literacy advantages of the grant.

REQUIRES BOARD APPROVAL

Consensus to recommend that the Board approve the submission of the grant application.

Next SERVICES COMMITTEE meeting: Wednesday, September 14th at 3:30 PM

Heidi A. Fuge

8/11/05