



SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 9, 2006

PRESENT: Brian Hartson, Robert Jaquay, Lou Anne Lundgren, Lois Prenovost

EXCUSED: Erin Apostol

UHLS STAFF: Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

L. Lundgren called the meeting to order.

I. Five-Year Library System Plan of Service 2007-2011

The Committee members reviewed the Proposed Five-Year Plan of Service. P. Ritter noted that it was written in very general and broad terms in order to allow it to be flexible and respond to change. It must be sent to the Division of Library Development no later than October 1st.

R. Jaquay reported that the Directors Association reviewed the Plan and accepted it. He noted that there was more emphasis on digital and electronic technology than in previous plans and that librarians have had to become more computer savvy in order to answer patrons' questions.

REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

MOTION: R. Jaquay moved to recommend Board approval of the Five-Year Library System Plan of Service 2007-2011. L. Prenovost seconded. Unanimous.

II. Big Read Grant

P. Ritter reminded the committee that they had authorized the UHLS staff to pursue this grant. Committee members reviewed the grant summary. He noted that the involvement of the Writers Institute is a major success.

REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

MOTION: L. Lundgren moved to recommend Board approval of the Big Read Grant application. B. Hartson seconded. Unanimous.

III. Gates "Staying Connected" Grant

P. Ritter distributed the Draft of the Training Survey developed by Rob Carle. The survey will ascertain how the library staff interact with the public regarding automation. R. Carle will develop a training program based on this survey and will provide training for at least one staff member in every member library facility before May 1, 2007.

IV. Other Business

P. Ritter noted that the Services Committee will have some major programs to review in the near future: the Construction grants and the new LSTA grants.

Heidi A. Fuge
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