



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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SERVICES COMMITTEE

October 21, 2009

PRESENT: Erin Apostol, Brian Hartson, LouAnne Lundgren, Mary Muller, Richard Naylor, Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

EXCUSED: Lois Prenovost

E. Apostol, Chair, convened the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

I. VARIANCE REQUEST - BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

P. Ritter explained that the Variance Request was due to the fact that the new library building did not open until September 26th of this year. This Variance Request is a formality since the new Brunswick library building now meets the State Minimum Standards.

Consensus to recommend that the UHLS Board approve the Brunswick Variance Request.

II. VARIANCE REQUEST - CASTLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

P. Ritter explained that this Variance was generated at the request of Joe Mattie at the Division of Library Development (DLD). According to DLD, the Castleton Library did not meet Minimum Standard number 3 which requires an Annual Report to the community. The Variance Request notes that the Library Board will produce such a report at the end of 2009. P. Ritter reported that Joe Mattie found this Variance and its solution acceptable.

Consensus to recommend that the UHLS Board approve the Castleton Variance Request.

III. GRANT APPLICATION - ARTS CENTER FOR THE CAPITAL REGION

P. Ritter explained that this is an annual application and that if funded, would support some of the artist/storytellers fees for the 2010 Riverway Storytelling Festival.

Consensus to recommend that the UHLS Board approve the grant application.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

P. Ritter reported that UHLS recently received a check from the State for 90% of the Local Library Services Aid (LLSA). These funds are pass-through to the member libraries. Since it is uncertain as to when (or if) UHLS will receive the remaining 10%, only the funds received will be sent to the members. In the past, checks have been sent to the libraries for the full 100% of the funds, even though UHLS had only received the initial 90%.

Heidi A. Fuge

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