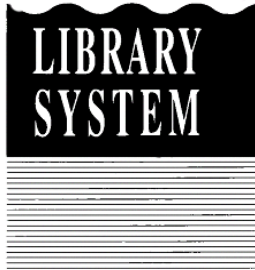




## BOARD OF TRUSTEES September 14, 2005 MINUTES



**PRESENT:** Erin Apostol, Rachel Baum, Jeffrey Cannell, Charles Diamond, Anne Evans, Brian Hartson, Lou Anne Lundgren, Mary Alice Molgard, Mary Muller, James Reilly, Pat Spohr, Hawley Zwahlen

**EXCUSED:** Cris Blanchard, Lois Prenovost

**UHLS STAFF:** Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

4:38 PM Meeting called to order by C. Diamond, President

### I. HURRICANE KATRINA and LIBRARIES

C. Diamond reported on a news story about a library that was destroyed by the hurricane in Biloxi, Mississippi. He asked if there was anything that UHLS could do to support the libraries that were devastated by the hurricane? P. Ritter mentioned the ALA drive to collect funds for those libraries. J. Cannell questioned whether UHLS funds could legally be used to support libraries outside of the State.

C. Diamond asked the Board members to take this situation under consideration and if anyone has any ideas, to report at the October meeting.

### II. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

C. Diamond reviewed and confirmed the current Board Committee assignments:

ADMINISTRATION: J. Reilly, Chair; R. Baum, C. Blanchard, M. Muller; N. Pieri

FINANCE: M. Molgard, Chair; J. Cannell; A. Evans; P. Spohr; H. Zwahlen

SERVICES: E. Apostol, Chair; B. Hartson; L. Lundgren; L. Prenovost; R. Jaquay

### III. MINUTES

**MOTION:** J. Reilly moved to accept the August 2005 Minutes as presented. E. Apostol seconded. Unanimous.

### IV. UHLS STAFF REPORT

P. Ritter reported the following:

- the LSTA "Kids Cookin'" grant is now taking place in eight member libraries and is very successful;
- the Summer Reading Program has been concluded and we are waiting to compile the statistics;
- the Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library have recently been added to the list of Riverway Storytelling Festival sponsors. The final performance at the 2006 Festival will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- the 2004 Annual Report information has finally been approved by both the State and

the Federal Government and an Excel file with the statistics is now available. We will be proceeding with the printing of the narrative report. A chart with the usual statistics has been placed on the UHLS intranet.

The 2006 Holiday Schedule was distributed to the Board members for their information. P. Ritter noted that UHLS is only closed on those holidays when all of the member libraries are closed. The other holidays are classified as "floating" for the UHLS staff.

## **V. TREASURER'S REPORT**

M. Molgard reviewed the Treasurer's Report for August 2005. She noted that the Central Library Development Grant funds have been received and distributed to the Central Library. She also pointed out that UHLS is still waiting for the 2005 Outreach funds.

**MOTION:** A. Evans moved to accept the August 2005 Treasurer's Report. E. Apostol seconded. Unanimous.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Finance

Report by M. Molgard, Chair. She noted that the Committee reviewed and approved the August Purchase Journal and Payroll totaling \$325,065.16.

The Committee briefly reviewed and discussed the Proposed 2006 Budget. They will review it again in October and present it to the Board. A Public Hearing on the Budget has been scheduled for Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at UHLS.

NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

### Services

Report by E. Apostol, Chair. She reported that the Committee reviewed the seven Construction Grant applications. UHLS has only been allotted \$25,222 in construction funds. The Committee recommends the following priority order and funding amounts:

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| Valley Falls    | \$5,604 |
| Altamont        | \$3,603 |
| Petersburgh     | \$3,603 |
| Nassau          | \$3,603 |
| Rensselaerville | \$3,603 |
| Albany          | \$2,603 |
| Bethlehem       | \$2,603 |

**MOTION:** E. Apostol moved to accept the above-listed priority order and funding amounts. M. Molgard seconded. Unanimous.

## **VII. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

A. Evans reported that Nassau gave its Chapter 414 petitions to the Board of Elections.

H. Zwahlen reported on a new library concept that he read about recently in Europe. Patrons could go to the library to learn about a new culture through confidential consultations with representatives from that culture.

J. Cannell reported that Albany's Bookmobile is almost ready to go on the road. The Bookmobile will make its debut at the *Race for Literacy* in October.

E. Apostol reported on a recent New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB) meeting. The attendees were informed by Carol Ann Desch that the new library vanity license plates are now available, that the State will continue its support for NOVEL, and that the Division of Library Development does not anticipate any cuts to library funding in the 2006 budget.

L. Lundgren reported that Poestenkill's Chapter 414 petitions have been submitted. The Library is holding its annual Market Day on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Included in the activities will be a "Movie Night" at the local Drive-in to benefit the library.

M. Molgard reported that Berne discovered that the property that the library was considering for purchase has a natural gas pipeline running through it and so is not feasible as a library site.

**MOTION:** H. Zwahlen moved to adjourn the meeting, A. Evans seconded. Unanimous.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

Heidi A. Fuge  
9/15/05