



Board of Trustees
March 10, 2010

PRESENT: LouAnne Lundgren, Erin Apostol, Charles Diamond, Ronald Ginsburg, Brian Hartson, Janet Ivory, Anne Kuthy, Mary Alice Molgard, Mary Muller, Lois Prenovost, James Reilly

EXCUSED: Yolanda Caldwell, William Colgan, Nancy Pieri

UHLS Staff: Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

4:30 PM – Meeting called to order by L. Lundgren.

I. MINUTES

MOTION: E. Apostol moved to accept the Minutes of the February 17, 2010 meeting as presented. J. Reilly seconded.
Unanimous.

II. STAFF REPORT

P. Ritter noted that his written report had been mailed to the Trustees. He highlighted the following items:

- NYLA Lobby Day was very successful and he thanked the trustees who attended. The Bill for allowing for cooperative bidding, which was one of the NYLA initiatives, has been moved out of Committee and it is possible that the contact with legislators on Lobby Day helped to move this along. There were over 1,000 library people in attendance at Lobby Day.
- Jo-Ann Benedetti will be the UHLS representative at the Public Library Association (PLA) Conference in Portland, Oregon at the end of March.
- The annual Trustee Institute will be held in Melville, NY on April 30th and May 1st.
- He distributed a brochure on the 2010 Riverway Storytelling Festival.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Report by M. Molgard, Treasurer. She reviewed the Treasurer's report for February and noted the receipt of several 2009 funds: LLSA, Supplemental Aid, Jail Grant and Outreach.

MOTION: J. Reilly moved acceptance of the Treasurer's report for February 2010. C. Diamond seconded. Unanimous.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Report by M. Molgard, Chair. She noted that the Committee reviewed and approved the Purchase Journal and Payroll for February which totaled \$121,051.25.

The Committee members discussed the CDs in the restricted and operating accounts and made recommendations for renewal dates for the CDs maturing in April.

M. Molgard reported that the new Comptroller's Report and the annual State Report were all submitted prior to the deadline.

NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, April 14th at 4:00PM

Administration Committee

No meeting. No report. P. Ritter reported that he and H. Fuge met with the Asian Arts Group to discuss options for the floor. If the Group presents a proposal or has suggestions for further consideration, then the Administration Committee will have to meet in April.

NEXT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, April 13th at 4:00 PM

Services Committee

No meeting. No report.

NEXT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, April 14th at 3:30 PM

Automated Services Committee

No meeting. No report.

NEXT AUTOMATED SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday, May 21st at 9:00 AM

Search Committee

Report by M. Muller, Chair. She has received nine applications to date. The Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 30th at 3:00 PM to review applications. A second meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 6th if necessary to continue the review.

Board Nominating Committee

Report by J. Reilly, Chair. The Committee is now fully constituted and is waiting to hear back from the appropriate libraries regarding potential Board members. P. Ritter reported that he spoke with Judy Felsten, Director of the RCS Library and she will see if there are any volunteers from her Board of Trustees.

VI. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- E. Apostol (ALBANY): The Pine Hills and Delaware Branch libraries are now open. The APL Board held their most recent meeting at the Pine Hills Branch. Albany received their construction grant funds. She asked if the APL Friends Group contributed any funds to the Riverway Storytelling Festival. She thought that it would be useful for trustees to know what group contributed funds in order to acknowledge it in a social situation.

- R. Ginsburg (ALTAMONT): The library held the Annual I Love My Library Gala and raised over \$23,000.
- A. Kuthy (COLONIE): The library needs updating, but the Town budget restrictions are making it difficult to find the funding. The Library Board is considering becoming an independent library.
- J. Ivory (STEPHENTOWN): The library had very low attendance at its Riverway programs in 2009 and the library Director was seeking suggestions on how to increase the attendance figures. The Stephentown Library is a very valuable asset to the community and is a central meeting place.

MOTION: R. Ginsburg moved to adjourn. E. Apostol seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

NEXT Board MEETING: Wednesday, April 14th at 4:30 PM.

Heidi A. Fuge
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UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For February 2010
March 10, 2010

NYLA Library Lobby Day – This annual advocacy event will be held on Tuesday, **March 2**, at the Empire State Plaza, the Capitol Building, and the Legislative Office Building. It will begin with a reception in **Meeting Room Six in the Concourse of the Empire State Plaza**. Appointments have been made throughout the day with the five Assemblymen and two Senators who represent the UHLS service area. **33** people have reported that they will attend.

PULISDO Meeting – Philip Ritter will be attending the annual meeting of the Executive Directors of the 23 NYS Public Library Systems on Monday, **March 1**, at the Albany Marriott. This meeting is always held on the day before the NYLA Library Lobby Day each year. This meeting will include a session with Bernie Margolis, State Librarian, and many of the DLD staff. After this meeting, there will be a brief meeting of the **New York Alliance of Library Systems**.

Summer Reading Program Workshop – This year's planning workshop will be held on Friday, **March 12**, at the William K. Sanford Town Library and is again co-sponsored with the **Mohawk Valley Library System**. We are expecting at least 60 youth services librarians to attend. The theme for the children's SRP is **Make A Splash – Read**, and the theme for the teen's SRP is **Make Waves At Your Library**.

Riverway Storytelling Festival 2010 – Fundraising for this year's event has come a long way in the last month. We secured a new contributor at the \$2,000 level, **Capital Communications Federal Credit Union (CCFU)**, which agreed to sponsor an event at the William K. Sanford Town Library. Many other sponsors also materialized this month, including several member libraries and/or their Friends groups, a tribute to the quality of this project.

NYS Annual Report – **25** member libraries submitted their State Annual Reports to Heidi Fuge by the deadline. To date **27** reports have been submitted to the State. This year the State introduced a new online program for the Annual Reports. Most of the feedback from our member libraries has been favorable because the new program is generally easier to use and has a clearer format.

Philip W. Ritter
Executive Director