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Board of Trustees February 9, 2022

PRESENT: Antonio Booth; Evelyn Greenstein; Yvette Terplak; Lisa Scoons; Jackie Marino; Scott Wyner; Susan Keitel; Camille Engel; Marcy Savage; Anthony Repicky; Fred Wobrock, Jr.; Tara Ricard; Jill Dugas Hughes
Excused: Arlene Way
UHLS Staff: Tim Burke; Jona Favreau

4:33 PM – Virtual meeting called to order by A. Booth, President.

I. MINUTES

MOTION: Y. Terplak moved to approve the January 12, 2022 Minutes. M. Savage seconded. Unanimous.

II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Burke highlighted the following in his written report:

- Advocacy Day: March 2 is Advocacy Day and once again be 100% virtual. We saw the preliminary budget released which included a tiny increase for libraries, however there was a huge setback for construction aid funds, dropping from \$34million down to \$14million. The question was asked whether or not the district rezoning will make an impact – unknown, we do know that for BETH, the assembly has changed.
- Staffing updates: The job ad has been posted for the Finance Specialist position and with little bites, J. Favreau made the decision to change the ad listings to 'bookkeeper.' This has generated more interest and we are hopeful to fill the position soon. The listing for the Manager, Adult and Outreach Services position will be going up tomorrow. We're hoping for a fast search, and we'll be including G. Kirkpatrick in on the search committee to represent member libraries.
- Mask mandate: The NYS mask mandate will run up tomorrow and the directors have already begun communicating with each other. UHLS has had a brief conversation but we will discuss further if/when the mandate is lifted for schools in early March.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

F. Wobrock noted that on the Treasurer's Report, UHLAN fees and ERO funds were the majority of the income for the month. On the Purchase Journal, large, non-reoccurring items were paid, including close to \$30k for insurance, our annual HVAC contract and 4th quarter 2021 payments were sent to the member libraries. Everything else was pretty routine.

MOTION: The Finance Committee moved to adopt the January Treasurer's Report and Purchase Journal. J. Marino seconded. Unanimous.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

UHLS Board Racial Equity Training: After discussion, it was determined collectively that the UHLS Board will complete the 5-session training opportunity and would like to have it completed this spring. T. Burke will email out a doodle poll following the meeting, with a long list of dates – fully understanding that not every trustee may be present at each meeting, but we'll try! A. Repicky asked if their member library boards will have the same training options – yes! L. Scoons asked if their board is going to complete the same training, should we participate twice – no, but only if you're certain your board is going to commit within the first year.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. TRUSTEE REPORTS

ALTM (Y. Terplak): GUIL and ALTM are joining together to eliminate fines! An announcement will come out in a local newspaper.

EGRN (J. Dugas Hughes): The library held a very successful program last week – about 45 people showed up: How to Use Libby.

VAFL (J. Marino): The library has a stunning display in the form of a question to celebrate Black History Month – encourages everyone to check it out.

MOTION: T. Ricard moved to adjourn. J. Dugas Hughes seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

03/04/22 J. Favreau