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Board of Trustees
March 9, 2022

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

4:34 PM – Virtual meeting called to order by S. Keitel, Vice President.

I. MINUTES

MOTION: E. Greenstein moved to approve the February 9, 2022 Minutes. Y. Terplak seconded. Unanimous.

II. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

T. Burke highlighted the following in his written report:

- Advocacy Day: March 2 was our statewide all-virtual NY Library Advocacy Day. The meetings all went very well with strong participation from directors, staff and trustees from the member libraries in each legislative district. We do expect that the budget will be an on-time budget this year, but there will likely be more “calls to action” through NYLA, so please be on the lookout for them.
- New Digital Collection Partnership: UHLS is entering into a partnership with the Mid-Hudson Library System using a relatively new product from OverDrive called a Reciprocal Lending Agreement (RLA). We’re expecting the feature to go live on or around March 15 and will provide the member libraries the necessary information and pr materials to ensure a smooth roll out. A. Repicky asked if it was just ebooks or all econtent – T. Burke believes it is all econtent within OverDrive. There is no additional cost for the member libraries. OverDrive did a collection analysis prior to the agreement to ensure it was worth it for our patrons. It’s essentially just ILL but for econtent.
- Staffing updates: N. Hurteau’s last day was yesterday. She was a driving force behind so many of our libraries going fine free and working with the member libraries to coordinate and expand digital services. We are expecting to have a couple of interviews next week. J. Sherry’s last day as Finance Specialist is March 25 – we have a new hire starting on March 28 to fill that vacancy, Alexandra Ostwald. It will be a part-time position and she’s coming to us with years of varied experience. Lastly, J. Favreau is planning a maternity leave for August!

S. Keitel asked if we had any news on the rental space – no. We’re making improvements to the spaces at the recommendation of the realtor. We had one interested party last month, but they couldn’t follow through due to zoning issues.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

F. Wobrock noted that while looking at the Treasurer’s Report, you’ll notice we’re right on track from this time last year. The Purchase Journal reflects \$1670 spent to refurbish tenant space (lighting), \$3000 was spent on books for the Alice Green system-wide program and her honorarium, and we received the final LLSA payment from NYS from 2021 which was directly distributed to the member libraries. Y. Terplak asked if the light work was LED – no, but that is something we’ve talked about as a construction project in the future. We don’t want to do too much work before the new tenants are in.

MOTION: The Finance Committee moved to adopt the February Treasurer’s Report and Purchase Journal. Y. Terplak seconded. Unanimous.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

UHLS Board Racial Equity Training: Taking the results from the poll distributed after last month’s meeting, T. Burke distributed the dates for the training, next Wednesday being the first date. He acknowledges that not everyone is going to make it to each session. After discussion, the group decided to start training at 6:30PM and UHLS will provide hearty snacks. The session will be in-person, masks are options; UHLS has a UV air filtration system. Reminder: first 4 sessions are 90 minutes in duration, and the last is an approximate 60 minute session.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Meeting in Person: It is likely that the Governor is going to let the emergency declaration lapse next week, meaning the open meetings law adjustment for virtual meetings will go away.

MOTION: M. Savage moved to have the April UHLS Board meeting in person, pending current conditions. L. Scoons seconded. Unanimous.

VI. TRUSTEE REPORTS

MOTION: S. Keitel moved to adjourn. L. Scoons seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM.

04/08/22 J. Favreau