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Board of Trustees April 12, 2023

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

4:35 PM – Meeting called to order by S. Keitel, President.

I. MINUTES

MOTION: E. Greenstein moved to approve the March 8, 2023 Minutes. C. Engel seconded. Unanimous.

II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Burke highlighted the following in his written report:

- NYS Budget: The process this year has been very slow and weirdly quiet; no one has heard much. We are just sitting and waiting and as soon as NYLA releases information, he will share with the group and the directors. S. Wyner noted that he hadn't heard anything on his end either.
- UHLS Library Expedition: The Expedition has officially kicked-off and the response has been great!
- UHLS Annual Celebration: We visited a venue this morning – Pat's Barn – and have one other location to look at before we make our decision. We should know by the end of next week where the event will be held and invitations will be sent out shortly thereafter.
- Automation Advisory Council: T. Burke pointed out the pie chart included in his director's report from the Automation Department – the AAC emailed a one-question survey to 60,000 patrons and received about 6,000 responses. It's a great snapshot of how our patrons are using our services.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

F. Wobrock noted that there was barely an income over the last month (interest from CDARS). April's expenses will probably be heavier because J. Favreau is back in the office and moving Purchase Orders. On the Purchase Journal, one can see that a \$12k deposit was made toward a construction grant project – UHLS will soon be receiving all new LED lights. The state will reimburse UHLS from 50% of this project. LLSA payments were made to member libraries this

month, and expedition expenses were accrued as well. J. Burke asked if this expedition this year is costing more than the previous – yes, we’ve added to the experience this time around and we’re anticipating more participation. We’ve been paying for these expenses with Outreach funds.

MOTION: The Finance Committee moved to adopt the March 2023 Treasurer’s Reports and Purchase Journals. J. Marino seconded. Unanimous.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

T. Burke reminded the group that UHLS trustees are not required to complete the mandatory education hours, but if they did have suggestions for training, to let him know.

V. NEW BUSINESS

C. Engel is the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

J. Marino gave the Expedition a thought and instead of assigning groups and libraries to visit evenly among the group, she wants to foster a team goal. If each trustee were to visit each library, that would be 504 visits. She’d like to see how many we can accumulate over the next couple of months, similar to the thermometer image during a fund drive. J. Favreau offered to keep track of visits on a spreadsheet; trustees will just need to email her individually as visits happen.

VI. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- J. Burke (ALTM): J. Burke had a blast at their Spelling Bee (co-hosted with GUIL) – thank you J. Wines! The winner was 90 years old! There was a lot of interest from young children, which opens up the possibility of an additional program in the future.
- A. Way (APL): APL has made national news with coverage on Fox - A. Way shared that APL has received a cease and desist letter for a scholarship program for candidates of color. A private foundation that has been funding this program to help the library become more diverse in their workplace. A TU article stated they are discriminating against white and Asian students. APL has their attorney looking into the matter.
- J. Marino (VAFL): She brought a piece written by Jodi Picoult for everyone to read regarding book banning.
- L. Scoons (BETH): The Summer Reading Program (SRP) theme this year is *All Together Now* – the BETH Board will be discussing hosting a Drag Queen Story Hour.
- C. Engel (EGRN): She asked if UHLS could provide training on how to prepare boards for challenges and pushback for Drag Queen Story Hours – T. Burke said yes! They are updating a training module they recently taught and will be offering again soon. T. Ricard asked about Narcan training as well.

MOTION: T. Ricard moved to adjourn. C. Engel seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

05/03/23 J. Favreau