

Director's Association

Upper Hudson Library System
Friday, September 8, 2000 at UHLS

Attending: Jeff Cannell (APLM), Nancy Pieri (BETH), Bob Jaquay (COLN), Carol Hamblin (GUIL), Carol Gaillard (HOOFF), Pat Sahr (NASS), Daryl McCarthy (NGRN), Margie Morris (POES), Archa Wachowicz (RVLL), Paul Hicok (TROY), Bobbi Crowther (VAFL), Gail Sacco (VOOR)

Visitors: Phil Ritter (UHLS)

Meeting convened at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes:

Motion (Pieri, Cannell) to approve August 4, 2000 minutes. Carried.

UHLS: P. Ritter

- Trustee handbooks were sent to each library – there are limited quantities left, please call Heidi if you need more.
Construction Grants – 4 applications were received. They are being processed.
- State reports/State aid – there are difficulties with the annual report software at Library Development, which has held up the release of state aid money. UHLS has done everything it could to assist in getting this issue resolved. They have not been given a date for release.
- Service survey has been completed and the results will be released on the Intranet. A hard copy will be sent also.
- Staff performance surveys – this was a voluntary survey. There was discussion as to its intended purpose. There was not a large response.
- Call Phil to set up an appointment (if desired) to meet with him - individually, with staff, and/or with your board.
- LSTA Grants - “E-books” grant was not approved; “Numbers tell a story” has been approved and training is scheduled to take place from January to April; the 3rd grant has not had a ruling yet.
- RFP for automation is on the Intranet – please call with any changes. There will be a meeting on September 26th to finalize the RFP and to submit it to the UHLS Board for approval.
- Senator Charles Schumer will be holding a press conference on Monday, 9/11 at 1:30 p.m. at Albany Public Library to introduce his bill appropriating 1 billion dollars for library construction.
- Trustee training – is there any interest in this service? It would need to be in conjunction with SALS & MVLA.
- Watch the Intranet for a list of possible workshops to be offered for next year.

UHLS Board: P. Nonamaker

- No report available.

UHLS Finance: P. Nonamker

- No meeting in August.

UHLS Administration: N. Pieri

- meeting in August.

Interest Groups: P. Nonamaker

- No report available.

Services: J. Feltsen

- No meeting in August.

Automated Services Committee: N. Pieri

- Roadrunner – there will be a meeting with people from Time Warner after the next ASC meeting on September 26th. The ASC meeting begins at 9:00 am, the Roadrunner meeting will be at approx. 10:30 a.m. Time Warner/Roadrunner will discuss and answer questions about their service.

Central Library: J. Cannell

- The café is now out of business. Albany Public is trying to determine if they should look for another provider or use the space for some other purpose.
- Discussion regarding the Times Union article (9/8) regarding Albany County lawmakers considering funding for libraries in the county. This is a one-time offer of 50 cents per capita to supplement state funds.

Nuts & Bolts:

BETHLEHEM:

- Sunday is the 13th annual Library Day. There will be an antique appraisal, music, entertainment, and prizes. Fun for all!
- The referendum is approaching for the renovation of the library. There is a display of the plans for the new addition in the lobby. A public forum will be held on September 20th.
- Staff is in the process of weeding the collection in anticipation of the move to a much smaller place (True Value store in Glenmont) while the renovation is going on. The library is expected to be displaced for 12 –16 months. They are also seeking a space for administration and processing.

ALBANY:

- A mural is being painted on the façade of the building. The Downtown Development Association is funding it.

RENSSELAERVILLE:

- Received \$20,000 from John Faso for repair of their crumbling mezzanine.
- As per the library board, RVLL will soon have 2 new “branches” of the library – remote drop boxes for patrons to leave books and pick up requests. There was discussion about the security of books/materials being given out in this manner, especially ILL materials. There is concern on the part of the other UHLS libraries about this new service.

GUILDERLAND:

- Sunday hours are back to 1:00 to 5:00. The longer hours never began. The issue of time and a half pay is still under discussion.

VOORHEESVILLE:

- They have become the Webmaster for the Town of New Scotland. There is no charge for this service at this time.

Old Business:

- Directors’ Conference – Friday, October 20th at the Troy Country Club - Speakers are scheduled, everything is on track. Sara Dallas is working on the brochure that should be out soon. There was discussion as to who should be invited.

Motion: (Sacco, Sahr) Invitations to the Directors’ Conference should be extended to the UHLS consultants. Carried.

- Times Union – continued discussion from last meeting regarding how to approach the TU about the issue of publicity.

New Business:

None

Motion (Cannell, Gaillard) Meeting adjourned 10:55 am. **There will not be a meeting in October** due to the conference. **The next meeting will be held on November 10th, the place is yet to be determined.**