

Director's Association

Upper Hudson Library System
Friday, March 2, 2001 at UHLS

Attending: Jeff Cannell (APLM); Helen King (ALTM); Nancy Pieri (BETH); Carol Trager (BRUN); Deborah Canzano (COHS); Bob Jaquay (COLN); Carol Hamblin (GUIL); Carol Gaillard (HOOF); Pat Sahr (NASS); Margie Morris (POES); Judy Felsten (RCSC); Barbara Kubli (STEP); Bobbi Crowther (VAFL)

Visitors: Phil Ritter (UHLS); Suzanne Fisher (VOOR)

Meeting convened at 9:10 am

Minutes:

Motion (Canzano, Trager) to approve February 2, 2001 minutes. (Corrections of: UHLS printed annual report, not regular annual reports.) Carried.

Presentation by Rawdon Cheng: Wireless Networks – pros, cons, costs, uses

UHLS: P. Ritter

- Automation systems demonstrations - 2 have been held, 3 more to go. Directors should attend ASC meetings during this time while discussions are being held regarding the new system choices.
- Interviews are being held today, Monday, & Tuesday for the technology specialist and the training specialist.
- Supplemental aid for library construction – 9 applications were received
- Pandora's Box Workshops – still some openings
- Outreach Mini-Grant have been received and committee met 3/1
- New web pages for adult services – access through UHLS page – services - adult services. If this is successful each department will develop their own page.

UHLS Board: P. Nonamaker

No report.

UHLS Finance: P. Nonamaker

No report (Phil reported that the reconciled budget was presented.)

UHLS Administration: N. Pieri

- Travel reimbursement is going to the IRS rate.
- No change in the annual report for UHLS.
- Meeting room policies are under discussion.

Interest Groups: P. Nonamaker

No report

(Bob stated that the YSS group would be meeting at the Albany International Airport on March 16th.)

Services: J. Feltsen

Did not meet – Outreach grants going to committee.

Automated Services Committee: N. Pieri

Automation system demos

Central Library: J. Cannell

- Public relations – vending out and revising newsletter, logo, website, stationery, etc
- Hired development director – fundraising both private and public
- Participating in University library school survey – how people use the Internet in public libraries

Nuts & Bolts:

- Notification for Albany County funds have gone out to supervisors & mayors – libraries need budget plan
- Guilderland – distributed newsletters, working on Town Bicentennial for 2003, hiring a new computer specialist
- RCSC – extended videos to ILL, drop fine to ten cents per day. Bibliotecha Ensemble to perform on 3/18.
- Altamont – co-sponsoring with PTA – Albany Berkshire Ballet on 3/16 @ 7:00pm.
- Voorheesville – Gail Sacco will be returning on March 5th. The Fingers Lake Guitar Quartet will perform on 3/18. Friends of Voorheesville Library are sponsoring a trip to the Bronx Zoo/Botanical Garden on 4/21.
- Thank you to Jo-Ann Benedetti for Fabric of Freedom Grant.
- Stephentown – mounting a website
- Poestenkill – move has again been postponed – need more support for the second floor – hope to move by the end of April.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Discussion of policies and standards (using list emailed to everyone by Nancy Pieri) – ran through list of issues - everyone needs to think about how these standard and how

we changed them or make them more uniform across the system, if possible. Next month we will cover the current standards for ID requirements and renewals.

- All libraries should be using the same registration card. Old ones should be thrown out. The new cards say Revised 1999.

Motion (Gaillard, Tager) Meeting adjourned 11:15 am. Next meeting April 6, 2001 @ 9:00am @ UHLS.