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Directors' Association

August 21, 2020

Others in Attendance: J. Thornton; M. Fellows; N. Hurteau

M. Tacke called the meeting to order at 10:02 am**T. Burke updated the DA on the following UHLS announcements:**

- There is a new interim director at Cohoes, Christiann Gibeau; a job posting for the permanent position will go out this afternoon.
- No new state budget news, but UHLS has received the 80% basic aid funding and expect the other aid lines to get paid out at 80% sometime during September.
- Reminder September 1st is the deadline for member libraries to submit their applications to UHLS, with 10/6 as the final deadline for UHLS to submit them to the state.
- An email was sent out from UHLS about the revision to the Open Meeting Law. The Public must have full access to your meetings. Continue to build trustee comfort level with online meetings (reach out to UHLS to support or send them to the upcoming Gotomeeting Primer Class) because it's going to be something we'll likely all be using for some time.
- NYLA survey invitation was emailed earlier this week on libraries and their expenses resulting from COVID. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey. Also, the NYLA conference will be completely virtual this year, please register to participate and to help support NYLA and its advocacy efforts on our behalf.
- If you have any spare delivery bins in your library, especially any not being used for delivery (i.e. storage) please send them on to UHLS, we need them to quarantine and deliver materials to all of our member libraries.
- Joe T. - Things are quiet in Sierraland although Boopsie is broken (CLAC will be reviewing the status of Boopsie and other alternatives in their upcoming meeting). The Teleforms system in Sierra is now working again, but it is a very clunky system with no obvious replacement in sight (which would have to be replaced by III anyway).
- Mary F. - Storywalk has been a huge success! Please review Mary Fellow's Google doc about shared marketing! Tim Burke mentioned the advocacy opportunity represented to invite one or both of your NYS legislators to visit the story walk.
- Natalie H. - Adult Lit Classes are coming to an end, please send all registrations to N. Hurteau. Special thanks to Nate Heyer for being such a wonderful trainer!

E-content: Will be meeting early next week to discuss Hoopla and Public Library Connect (i.e. Sora). Updated Hoopla numbers have been sent out.

ReOpening Committee: Recommends all items be quarantined at UHLS for 72 hrs., reduced from 96 hrs. Motion made by Evelyn Neale, seconded by Melissa Tacke. Motion passed. Tim Burke to work with Anne Pitlyk on updating the delivery schedule to reflect this change. He expects it to be in place during the next week. The committee will continue to meet in the fall to study and develop recommendations for programming once schools open back up.

Open Forum:

- Thank you Mary Fellows for the Story Walk program. It's been wonderful!
- Discussion on respecting and supporting what each member library is doing with their re-opening plans and how to respond to community concerns about different libraries doing different things. T. Burke will share a response he wrote to a patron about this concern. It may provide a useful template to help answer these kinds of issues.
- RCS - J. Wines introduced the group to her new Oprah Book Club "celebrity dog"!
- BERN: The library is sponsoring a community hike at White Birch Pond, in case anyone wants to join us.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am, next meeting at 10am on Fri. 8/28.