



# UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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X	MEND – Laura Cernik	X	WSTR – Amy Powarzynski
X	NASS – Tracey Clague		UHLS - Tim Burke

Directors' Association

Date: April 16, 2021

Others in Attendance: J. Favreau; J. Thornton; Mary Fellows; Natalie Hurteau; Melanie Metzger

APL; Tracey Pause VOOR

**Virtual Meeting called to order by T. Wiles, Vice President at 9:03AM.**

**Updates from UHLS**

- *Natalie*: UHLS was offered additional construction funding by NYS Division of Library Development from money that was returned by other public library systems around the state. The additional funds total \$31,049. The Services Committee worked with UHLS staff on a proposed plan that would bring 6 of the libraries up to full eligible funding and distribute the remaining additional funds evenly between the two libraries who will still have some unmet need even with this additional funding. The Board approved the recommendation unanimously. T. Burke has reached out to these 6 libraries.
- *Joe*: Thank you to everyone who completed the Capira library information form. It is now in Capira's hands and we will keep you posted on progress.

**Committee Reports**

*Ad Hoc Pandemic Response Committee* - M. Morris reminded the group that the committee is recommending that as of May 1 all material quarantining be eliminated.

*Antiracism Task Force*: Reminder that the board training survey is due April 30 and the next learning circle will be held Tuesday, April 20.

*eContent Advisory Council*: no meeting however Westchester Library System has dropped out of the proposed reciprocal lending agreement, but we are getting closer to implementing this agreement with MHLS and RCLS as our partners.

**Open Forum**

GUIL is ahead of schedule and on budget with their construction project. They had originally declined to be a polling place for the June 22 election due to the construction, however they've had significant push back from county representatives and have since decided to be a polling place.. G. Kirkpatrick noted that they aren't obligated to be a polling place T. Wiles shared that there was significant pressure on the board to participate, including threats of bad newspaper press, etc. In response, T. Wiles may close the library to the public that day in order to maximize parking spots for voters.

J. Burke had a very great meeting with NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey yesterday afternoon with T. Burke at ALTM. She sat with them for almost an hour and got to see a 7 month old's very first visit to a library. Photographs on FB if you'd like to check them out.

APL has started evening and Saturday hours as of this week! (27 additional hours)

NASS will be opening in May without appointments. They'll also be hosting their first open mic on a Saturday in May.

COHS is fully open for browsing! They will also be allowing the use of computers starting next week.

DA Meeting 04/16/21

G. Kirkpatrick noted the attendance and length of this meeting - is this a sign that we should return to 1 meeting a month? No one objected, so the decision was made to go back to one monthly DA meeting at 9am on the first Friday of the month, beginning Fri. May 7. . T. Wiles will email that news out to the Directors list right after this meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:25AM. Next meeting will be Friday, May 7 at 9AM.**