



# UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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X	GUIL – Natalie Hurteau	X	VOOR – Sarah Clark
	HOOF – Danny Yetto	X	WTVT – Debbie Scott
X	MEND – Laura Cernik	X	WSTR – Amy Powarzynski
X	NASS – Tracey Clague	X	UHLS - Tim Burke

Directors' Association

Date: June 3, 2022

Others in Attendance: J. Favreau; J. Wines; J. Thornton

**Meeting called to order by S. Clark at 9:31AM.**

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** G. Kirkpatrick moved to accept the May 6 minutes. M. Metzger seconded. Unanimous.

**Updates from UHLS**

*Tim*

- Tonight is the UHLS Annual Celebration! See everyone online at 6:30PM via Zoom.
- On June 8, the portal opens for the next round of Construction Aid applications. DLD used the 2020 census numbers for the allocation of funds. While our population has increased slightly, our percentage of statewide population has decreased, resulting in a small reduction in our system's total allocation.
- NYLA elections are up and running right now, T. Burke encourages all to participate. G. Kirkpatrick asked when the bulk NYLA membership renewal would happen – unknown but J. Favreau will reach out to them, especially with her maternity leave approaching.

*Judith*

Pride Parade happening next weekend, June 12, in Washington Park. So far she's visited 8/16 of the Rensselaer County libraries and will be on the road to hit the rest soon. There are over 180 signups for the We Who Believe in Freedom Program!

*Jona*

Thank you to everyone for getting in your submissions for the UHLS Annual Celebration Report. Once DLD approves the 2021 state reports, statistics will be pulled and the report will be printed and distributed.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Committee Reports**

UHLS Board & Finance Committee – J. Dugas Hughes encouraged everyone to come to tonight's annual celebration! Her time as the DA representative has come to an end and J. Burke will be starting in July.

UHLS Administration Committee – G. Kirkpatrick noted that the committee met and determined the winner of the Trustee and Volunteer of the Year annual awards!

UHLS Services Committee – S. Clark noted that the committee met and determined the winner of the Youth and Adult Programs of the Year annual awards.

Racial Equity Committee – J. Wines reported that there's a Listening Circle this Tuesday, June 7. The registration link was emailed last week in case you've missed it.

Automation Advisory Committee – J. Dugas Hughes reported that the committee has been working on a fine free tool kit and library card registration recommendations for everyone – an email will be sent in the next week or two.

Central Library Advisory Committee – no report

eContent Advisory Committee – G. Kirkpatrick noted that the committee has been working on econtent selection guidelines. An email will be sent out shortly. Kristina Ronald is the new chair.

**Open Forum / Library Status Updates**

N. Hurteau asked on behalf of T. Wiles: has any library permanently changed their hours since COVID? Consensus from a number of libraries was yes, many now close between 8-8:30PM. G. Kirkpatrick noted that BETH has seen a very gradual increase in patrons between 8-9PM, so they haven't adjusted their hours.

**MOTION:** C. Gibeau moved to adjourn the meeting. A. Powarzynski seconded. Unanimous.

**9:59AM meeting adjourned.**

Next meeting to be held Friday, July 1 at 9:30AM