

SERVICES COMMITTEE
May 12, 2004
MINUTES

PRESENT: Erin Apostol, Robert Jaquay, Lou Anne Lundgren, Lois Prenovost, Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

EXCUSED: Rob Ganz

I. LIBRARY PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Discussion of the following nominations:

Urban/suburban:

Albany Live Theatre Productions

Cohoes/Watervliet Reading Together

Guilderland Reading Connections

Consensus that the nomination from the Albany Public Library did not fit the Award criteria.

Rural:

Brunswick Book & Movie Discussion Group

Castleton Senior Outreach project

Cheney (Hoosick Falls) Folktale project

Petersburgh Geeks from Oz play

Rensselaerville Children's Mural project

In the urban-suburban category, the selection was narrowed to the Cohoes/Watervliet program and the Guilderland program. Unanimous consensus that the Cohoes/Watervliet program showed an excellent use of community partnerships and should receive the award.

In the rural category, the selection was narrowed to the Petersburg program and the Brunswick program. Unanimous consensus that the Petersburg program showed great creativity and community service and should receive the award.

II. WILLIAM MEREDITH ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Discussion of the one nomination from the Albany Public Library. Consensus that, although the nominee's work contributed greatly to the Albany Public Library, there was not a strong overall advocacy component.

III. VALLEY FALLS LIBRARY LETTER

The letter from the Board President of the Valley Falls Library was referred to the Services Committee by the UHLS Board President. Discussion about the content of the letter which refers to the Outreach mini-grant process. Committee members expressed concern that the Valley Falls library director was not involved in the grant process. Consensus that a letter will be drafted, signed by E. Apostol as Services Committee Chair, and sent to the Valley Falls Board president, stating the following:

“Thank you for your letter and comments. We assure you that your library has the continued support of the Upper Hudson Library System. We value our affiliation with the Valley Falls Free Library and hope to continue our productive and supportive relationship.

If the Valley Falls Free Library has any desire for assistance in grant writing in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us.”

IV. CENTRAL LIBRARY AID APPLICATION

Committee members reviewed the 2004 grant application for Central Library Aid. P. Ritter noted that the application has to be approved by the UHLS Board of Trustees.

Consensus to recommend acceptance by the UHLS Board of Trustees and transmittal to the Division of Library Development.

Heidi A. Fuge
5/13/04