



SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 10, 2007

PRESENT: Brian Hartson, Lou Anne Lundgren, Erin Apostol, Robert Jaquay, Lois Prenovost
UHLS STAFF: Philip Ritter, Jo-Ann Benedetti, Heidi Fuge

I. OUTREACH MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS

Report by E. Apostol, Services Committee representative on the Outreach Advisory Council. She spoke highly of the expertise of the Council members and the work that they accomplished in reviewing the grant applications. She also acknowledged that the quality of the grant applications was much better than in previous years, and she complimented Jo-Ann Benedetti on her work in helping libraries to improve their grant writing skills. She noted that the grant applications totaled \$14,522.75, and there was \$10,500 available for them.

Committee members discussed each grant application and the Council's recommendations for funding. Consensus to approve the Council's work and to recommend that the Board approve the funding as follows:

1. Albany	\$ 650	7. Poestenkill	\$ 870
2. Altamont	\$1,103	8. Petersburg	\$1,000
3. Brunswick	\$ 575	9. Rensselaer	\$ 875
4. Colonie	not funded	10. Rensselaerville	\$1,190
5. E. Greenbush	\$1,200	11. Sand Lake	not funded
6. Guilderland	\$ 750	12. Troy	\$1,150
		13. Watervliet	\$1,200

II. LSTA GRANT APPLICATIONS

J. Benedetti introduced the grant "Keeping the Best, Reinventing the Rest: Customer Service in the 21st Century." She noted that the Division of Library Development allocated \$15,000 to UHLS for this non-competitive grant and that, following discussion with the Directors Association, the Customer service idea was developed. The Committee members reviewed the grant proposal. R. Jaquay suggested using the word "customer" rather than "patron" at the beginning of the grant description so that the customer service aspect was reflected earlier. April 1st is the start date for this grant. Consensus to recommend Board approval of this grant application.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

P. Ritter introduced two other grant applications that need Committee and Board approval. He noted that since the deadline for the first grant was prior to this meeting, the Committee would be approving a grant application that had already been submitted.

The first application was to the Hudson River Bank and Trust Company for \$2,500 for five sound systems to be used at the Riverway Storytelling Festival. Consensus to recommend Board approval.

The second application was an LSTA grant for \$6,000 for Summer Reading materials. This is an annual, non-competitive grant and the amount is predetermined by DLD. Consensus to recommend Board approval.

Heidi A. Fuge
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