

SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 8, 2009

PRESENT: Erin Apostol, Brian Hartson, Mary Muller, Richard Naylor, LouAnne Lundgren, Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

EXCUSED: Lois Prenovost

E Apostol, Chair, convened the meeting at 3:30 PM.

I. PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Committee members reviewed and discussed the nominations received for the Program of the Year Award. There were four nominations in the urban/suburban category (Albany, Colonie, East Greenbush, Guilderland) and one nomination in the rural category (Berne). P. Ritter reminded Committee members that they were not obligated to present the Award if they felt that the nominations were not suitable.

After extensive discussion as to how the nominations fit with the guidelines, Committee members voted by ballot. The results were that Colonie's program "Festival of Lights," a multi-ethnic, multi-generational program won the Award in the urban/suburban category and the Berne program "Literary Lunch," won in the rural category.

II. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

There was only one nomination for this Award. Discussion regarding the nomination of Stephanie Sampsen from the Berne Library. Consensus that this was a well-written nomination and S. Sampsen is definitely worthy of the recognition and should receive the Award.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

P. Ritter presented a grant application for the 2009 (Phase II) of the Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware Grant Program. The amount requested is \$28,600. There are nine libraries (including Branches) participating: Albany, Cohoes, Rensselaer, Troy and Colonie. The funds are pass-through to the participating libraries. Submission deadline for the application is April 17, 2009. Consensus to recommend that the Board approve the submission of this grant application.

NEXT Services Committee meeting: Wednesday, May 13th at 3:30 PM.

Heidi A. Fuge
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