



## SERVICES COMMITTEE

October 11, 2017

**PRESENT:** Janet Ivory, Lisa Scoons, Natalie Hurteau, Tim Burke, Jona Favreau

**Excused:** Sarah Goff

Meeting called to order at 3:37 PM by T. Burke

### I. REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2018 CENTRAL LIBRARY BUDGET

Committee members reviewed the proposed 2018 Central Library budget. T. Burke noted that the budget is exactly the same as last year, with the same component pieces and because it is based on flat funding from NYS. Should there be an increase in annual NY State aid, additional funds will be applied to additional non-fiction e-content and emagazine purchases. It was noted that the Albany Public Library Board of Trustees reviewed and moved to approve the budget on 10/10/17.

**MOTION:** J. Ivory moved to recommend Board approval of the proposed 2018 Central Library Budget. N. Hurteau seconded. Unanimous.

### II. CONTINUED REVIEW OF THE UHLS ANNUAL AWARD CRITERIA

T. Burke shared that because S. Goff wasn't present, the committee wasn't going to dive into details without her, but to note that her proposed changes are the open bullet points on the two documents that were emailed to Service Committee members on a prior date. We have until March 2018 to finalize revisions.

### III. DE-BRIEF ON CONSTRUCTION GRANT AWARD PROCESS

T. Burke brought the two member library emails he was sent regarding the construction grant awards to the attention of the committee members along with his reply to each. A few member libraries have concerns over the process and/or formula that was used to determine award winners, as the final recommendation seems different from the past. N. Hurteau pointed out that in the past, there was often enough grant money to award to each applying member library. This year, more money was applied for than was available to award. The committee members followed previously established criteria to review applications and develop a recommendation. The committee discussed possible ways to address these issues for future grant cycles.

Jona Favreau

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