MHLS Directors’ Association
Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Attendance

Columbia County: Chatham: Dutchess County: Amenia: Greene County: Athens: Snyder
Claverack: Alderdice: Beacon: Keaton: Cairo:
Germantown: Beekman: Rodriguez: Catskill: Ray
Hillsdale: Briggs: Clinton: Sennett: Coxsackie: Deubert
Hudson: Fleming: Dover Plains: Greenville:
Kinderhook: Johnson: East Fishkill: Governorman:
Livingston: Fishkill: Haines Falls:
New Lebanon: Bogino: Hyde Park: Calahan: Hunter:
North Chatham: Kurashige: LaGrange: Karim:
Philmont: Garafalo: Millbrook: Windham:
Valatie: Millerton:
Pawling: Jarzombek: Pleasant Valley: Police:
Poughkeepsie: Lawrence: Red Hook: Freudenberger:
Rhinebeck: Cook: Rhinecliff: Meyer: Staatsburg: Rothman:
Stanford: Christensen: Tivoli:
Wappingers: Gonzalez

Call to Order: Chair Kelsall called the meeting order at 10:00 a.m.

Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2011: Cook moved, Haar seconded and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Following the meeting, Tracey Priest (Phoenicia) noted that her name was omitted from the roster of attendees at the February 3 meeting.

2. Change of DA Meeting Start Time: The proposal to move the start time of the monthly DA Meetings from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. was on the agenda but when called to the table for discussion, there was no motion. The issue is concerned dead at this time.

3. Additional Funding for eBooks: Rees moved, Donick seconded and after discussion and a friendly amendment by Lawrence, it was VOTED (Abstentions: Snyder, Coccio) that all libraries will contribute a minimum of $100 for eBooks.

4. 2011 OverDrive Audiobook/eBook Funding Split: Rees moved Bogino seconded and it was VOTED (Abstention: Giralico) that the funding split for 2011 be 40% for eBooks and 50% for audiobooks. This does not include the additional assessment for ebooks previously approved at this meeting.

5. Approval of OverDrive Collection Development Guidelines: Johnson moved, Donick seconded and after considerable discussion, action was tabled until further review by the Central Library & Collection Development Advisory Committee on March 4.

Reports

1. MHLS Reports
   a. Executive Director: Nyerges reviewed his printed report distributed prior to the meeting.
   b. Consultants
      i. Merribeth Advocate: See report in DA packet. Other information shared included:
         1. All member library NYS annual reports are completed, as well as the System’s.
         2. A total of 55 libraries have participated in Plan of Service focus groups so far.
         3. The MHLS Professional Collection is being weeded and meeting attendees were invited to take weeded items so long as they linked them and made them available within 30 days.
      ii. Rebekkah Smith Aldrich: See report in DA packet. Other information shared included:
The Adjournment:

Other: Items addressed included:

1. Lawrence, Tom
   Respectfully

Old Business: None.

New/Proposed Business & Information

1. Change of Meeting Start Time: It was proposed to shift the meeting start time from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. There was not enough interest in this change to warrant further discussion on the matter.

Other: Items raised by members included:

1. Gonzalez raised the issue of making forward sorting mandatory. There was brief discussion on the matter. MHLS will address questions that arose during the discussion.
2. Deubert expressed her thanks for the continued support of the MHLS staff on matters relating to advocacy, special district voting and son on.

Adjournment: At 11:55 a.m., Cook moved, Fleming seconded, and it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting of the MHLS Directors' Association is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Tom Lawrence, Secretary
Poughkeepsie Public Library District

Future Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, April 5 (Foundation for Hudson Valley Libraries meets after DA meeting)
- Tuesday, May 3
- Thursday, June 2
- Friday, July 8
- Monday, August 1 (subject to cancellation)
- Thursday, September 8
- Monday, October 3
- Wednesday, November 9
- Friday, December 2