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**MHLS Directors' Association
Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, February 6, 2013**

Attendance

Columbia County

Chatham: Bachrach
Claverack: Alderdice
Germantown:
Hillsdale:
Hudson: Chameides
Kinderhook:
Livingston:
New Lebanon:
North Chatham: Kurashige
Philmont:
Valatie: Powhida

Dutchess County

Amenia:
Beacon:
Beekman: Rodriguez
Clinton: Sennett
Dover Plains:
East Fishkill:
Fishkill: Spann
Hyde Park: Callahan
LaGrange: Karim
Millbrook: Barnard
Millerton: Leo
Pawling:
Pine Plains: Hill
Pleasant Valley: Pulice
Poughkeepsie: Lawrence
Red Hook: Freudenberger
Rhinebeck: Cook
Rhinecliff: Meyer
Staatsburg: Rothman
Stanford: Christensen
Tivoli: Corrado
Wappingers: Gonzalez

Greene County

Athens:
Cairo: Kamecke
Catskill: Ray
Coxsackie: Deubert
Greenville:
Haines Falls:
Hunter:
Windham:

MHLS Staff

Advocate
Drake
McCarthy
Nyerges
Smith Aldrich

Putnam County

Brewster:
Carmel: Buck
Cold Spring: Thorpe
Garrison:
Kent: Rees
Mahopac: Kaufman
Patterson: Haar
Putnam Valley: McLaughlin

Guest(s)

Ulster County

Esopus: Tomaseski
Highland: Kelsall-Dempsey
Hurley:
Kingston: Menard
Marlboro: Cosgrove
Milton: Skelly
New Paltz: Giralico
Phoenicia: Potter
Pine Hill: Slater
Plattekill:
Rosendale:
Saugerties: Goswami
Stone Ridge:
Ulster: Johnson
West Hurley:
Olive-West Shokan: Scott-Childress
Woodstock: Raff

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

Action Items

1. **Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2013:** Lawrence moved, Cook seconded and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.
2. **Hold Message – Proceed with Checkout:** Lawrence moved, Dempsey seconded and it was. 27 yes – 0 no – 2 abstentions.

Reports

1. **MHLS Reports**
 - a. **Executive Director:** See report in DA packet. Nyerges reviewed his printed report distributed prior to the meeting. In addition, he expanded on the following:
 - i. Advocacy. Please encourage Trustees and patrons to attend lobby day.
 - ii. Library Services in the Digital Age. Please review.
 - iii. Federal advocacy - Workforce Development outreach on county level encouraged.
 - b. **Consultants**
 - i. **Merribeth Advocate:** See report in DA packet. In addition, she reported the following:
 1. OverDrive statistics – January 10,000 transactions! Be aware of partnership with Bookshare and MHLS introduces LEAP program. Overdrive rolling out a more intuitive ordering interface.
 2. Annual Report update
 3. Recommends Cancellation.com
 4. Review CE for public librarian certification
 - ii. **Rebekkah Smith Aldrich:** See report in DA packet. In addition, she reported the following:
 1. Advocacy Day coming up. Thanked groups that subsidized transportation. Legal workshops available with Bob Scofield and Ellen Bach. (See Information below)
 2. Now is the time to consider 414 votes.
 3. Construction aid update.

- iii. **Eric McCarthy:** See report in DA packet. In addition, he reported the following:
 - 1. Sierra training beginning at the end of February. No access on April 23.
 - 2. Questioned about teleforms. Telephone service problems at MHLS.
 - 3. Questioned on Sierra upgrade
- iv. **Robert Drake:** See report in DA packet. In addition, he reported the following:
 - 1. Erate update. He is available to give assistance.

MHLS Board Liaison: Report distributed at the meeting by Frank Rees. Cosgrove and Skelly asked about financial situation in Marlborough School District. Hill reported on problems in Pine Plains.

Advisory Committees

- c. Central Library/Collection Development: See report in DA packet. Menard gave a verbal report. Advocate reported on ebook circ. growth through statistics. Statistics were analyzed by McCarthy. General discussion ensued.
- d. Continuing Education/Professional Development: No report. Next meeting: May 20
- e. Marketing: No report. Next meeting: March 15
- f. Resource Sharing: No report. Next meeting: April 16.

Old Business:

- 1.

New/Proposed Business & Information

- 1. **Mandatory Attendance for Directors for 'Essential Elements of Collection Development' workshops:** Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee recommends each county hold one of these workshops with a mandatory library director attendance requirement.

Adjournment: Goswami moved, Giralico seconded and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Information

- 1. MHLS Committee Membership 2013 matrix included in DA packet.
- 2. Legislators by Library list included in DA packet (part of Smith Aldrich report)

Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 6** (snow date: March 7)

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Cosgrove,
Marlboro Library (for Secretary AnnLee Giraldo, Kinderhook Library)