

Liaison Report to DA from MHLS Board Meeting

January 24, 2012

MHLS Auditorium

Trustees Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baker Brill, Lisa (Greene) | X Minor, Michael (Ulster) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benton Profera, Caroline (Greene) | X Morini, Regina (Putnam) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bickford, John (Dutchess) | X Patterson, Roland (Dutchess) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conine, Bill (Greene) | X Perry, Matthew (Columbia) |
| X Ehnebuske, Jean (Putnam) | X Sameth, Myrna (Ulster) |
| X Hoffmann, Peter (Ulster) | <input type="checkbox"/> Schnitzer, Janet (Columbia) |
| X MacNish, Steve (Dutchess) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuttle, Jim (Columbia) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miller, Martin (Putnam) | |

Staff Present: Peggy Winn, Linda Vittone, Mike Nyerges, Merribeth Advocate, Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich,

Directors Present: Erica Freudenberger (Red Hook), Tom Lawrence (Poughkeepsie Public Library District)

Visitors:

Action Items:

1. Agenda approved
2. Approval of amended Minutes of December 10, 2011 meeting
3. Financial Reports for November received
4. Warrants for December received
5. CSEA Memorandum approved
6. Waiver of Potential Conflict of Interest of Attorneys approved
7. Town of Union Vale Contract approved

Discussion Items:

1. Oath of Office taken by trustees present.
2. BOT President Peter Hoffmann reported that he, Jim Tuttle and Mike Nyerges had met for the Executive Director's review; suggested it be discussed under New Business; Hoffmann and Nyerges had worked on Committee Assignments and created a Facilities Committee; encouraged Trustees to increase the number of visits to member libraries.
3. Executive Director Mike Nyerges reported on the State Senate's creation of a library committee, reminded Trustees that advocacy remains a priority
4. Nyerges reported RFPs have been sent to several delivery companies to evaluate pricing; 2010 Census numbers will be reflected in LLSA grants, but not in DLD reports until 2013; Regents Advisory Council still doesn't accurately represent public libraries.
5. Nyerges reported search for Automation Coordinator continues; two strong candidates under consideration with a third being interviewed later in the week. Plan to have someone in place in 4-6 weeks.
6. Library Director Tom Lawrence provided Central Library report; Tuesday Tips and Medical Reference trainings have been well received.
7. Trustee Jean Ehnebuske reported that Library Director Patti Haar of Patterson Library has offered to host the May MHLS BOT meeting; Putnam County is working on a county-wide Big Read
8. Merribeth Advocate reported that due to their budget crisis, SENYLRC is meeting with stakeholders to determine what its role will be, considering consolidation or a merger.
9. Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich reported that while Governor has kept library funding flat, libraries need to continue to advocate (schools will receive a 4% increase). MHLS & RCLS will combine to offer a bus to Albany for Advocacy Day.

10. Smith-Aldrich reported MHLS retained all the money awarded for Public Library Construction grant, will be receiving additional funds since other Systems were not able to utilize their portions.
11. Discussion about Union Vale's transition from an unserved to a served area, what that means for statistics, reporting and sharing of database and other fees incurred by member libraries.
12. Trustee Myrna Sameth requested removal from her spot on the Facilities Committee, Steve MacNish replaced her.
13. MHLS BOT made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss review of Executive Director Mike Nyerges; following the Executive Session, no action was planned and the Board was to adjourn.

Next meeting 10 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Mid-Hudson Library System auditorium.

Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger