

Liaison Report to DA from MHLS Board Meeting

March 10, 2012

MHLS Auditorium

Trustees Present:

X Baker Brill, Lisa (Greene)	X Minor, Michael (Ulster)
X Benton Profera, Caroline (Greene)	X Morini, Regina (Putnam)
X Bickford, John (Dutchess)	X Patterson, Roland (Dutchess)
X Conine, Bill (Greene)	X Perry, Matthew (Columbia)
X Ehnebuske, Jean (Putnam)	X Sameth, Myrna (Ulster)
X Hoffmann, Peter (Ulster)	X Schnitzer, Janet (Columbia)
X MacNish, Steve (Dutchess)	X Tuttle, Jim (Columbia)
X 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 Minutes of January 24, 2012 meeting
3. Financial Reports for December 2011 and January 2012 accepted
4. Warrants for January & February received
5. Amended language for the State Aid for Public Library Construction Program priorities approved as recommended by Incentives Committee
6. Approved definition of economically disadvantaged community as recommended by Incentives Committee
7. Approved Patterson Library as site of May MHLS BOT meeting
8. 2011 Annual Report reviewed & accepted
9. LSTA Grants authenticated (\$17.5K for Building Your Base, \$12K for SRP)
10. Approved Central Library Budget Application

Discussion Items:

1. Oath of Office administered to those not present at January meeting.
2. BOT President Peter Hoffmann reported March 6 Advocacy Day had strong turnout of Trustees; reminded fellow Trustees to schedule Board-to-Board visits.
3. Treasurer Roland Patterson reported a positive year-end fund balance for 2011, expects a positive year-end fund balance again in 2012, which will exceed \$150,000 fund balance agreed to by member libraries when fee structure was put into place.
4. Trustee John Bickford congratulated MHLS staff for their work in 2011.
5. Executive Director Mike Nyerges reported
 - a. Advocacy Day was well-attended and libraries are expecting some restoration of aid;
 - b. System Funding Task Force has met;
 - c. Hiring a 12-hour week cleaning person
 - d. Robert Drake named IT Coordinator
 - e. Eric McCarthy, new automation coordinator, begins Monday, March 12, 2012
 - f. Working on delivery contract, plan to have one by April, would like to continue with current provider
 - g. Proposed a revision of the MHLS budget for the Board's consideration in May and July that will address unrestricted fund balances greater than \$150,000, a possible increase in state support and a projected increase in fuel costs for delivery.

6. Trustee Caroline Benton Profera gave the Incentive Committee report, clarified and expanded language of the Construction Grant Program's priorities for funding.
7. Trustee James Tuttle announced Emily Giraldo has been appointed new director of Kinderhook Memorial Library.
8. Trustee Jean Ehnebuske suggested that member libraries have respective Town Supervisors (or appropriate rep) read National Library Week proclamations for April 8.
9. Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich reported Advocacy Boot Camps & online BYBO training has been successful.
10. Outreach Coordinator Meribeth Advocate reported Digital Literacy Advisory Committee will recommend training for staff, provide coursework with certification.
11. Nyerges presented 2011 Plan of Service Progress report.

*Next meeting 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at Patterson Library.
Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger*