

Liaison Report to DA from MHLS Board Meeting

March 12, 2011

MHLS Auditorium

Trustees Present:

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

Staff Present: Advocate, Aldrich, Nyerges, Shedrick, Vittone, Winn

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

Visitors: Sam Patton (E. Fishkill Trustee)

Action Items:

1. Agenda Approved
2. Oath of Office Administered to Trustees absent at previous meeting
3. January Meeting Minutes Approved
4. Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting Approved
5. Financial Report for December Approved
6. 2011 Draft Budget Approved
7. Warrants for December, January & February Accepted
8. 2010 Annual Report Reviewed & Accepted
9. Ranking Priorities for Construction Grants Reviewed & Accepted

Discussion Items:

1. Executive Director Mike Nyerges reminded all of the importance of continued advocacy; discussed staff reorganization and consolidation, and noted that additional compensation should be considered in future discussions. There is currently no plan for cost of living increases for 2011.
2. Nyerges reported Assistant Peggy Winn has returned to MHLS part-time. MHLS will not be filling the part-time receptionist/bookkeeper position.
3. Nyerges reported remaining 2010 funding should be received by March 31. The System's 2011 budget includes proposed 10% cut.
4. DLD proposes cooperation between library systems and possible merging. Nyerges has met with SNYLRC and RCLS Executive Directors to discuss (not so promising).
5. Trustee Jean Ehnebuske reported that by distributing Across the Board electronically, it now costs 5% of what it previously cost.
6. Library Director Tom Lawrence explained the role of the Central Library to the System (provide extensive non-fiction collection, circulating periodical collection and high level reference as well as ongoing training to member libraries, \$40K to defray delivery costs for member libraries).
7. Lawrence proposed the MHLS BOT consider selling the auditorium building to PPLD to allay financial concerns.
8. Merribeth Advocate presented a PowerPoint summary of the System's 2010 progress report, culled from the Annual Report.

*Next meeting 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, at Philmont Public Library
Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger*