

Liaison Report to DA from MHLS Board Meeting

May 9, 2012

Patterson Library

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) |
| X 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) | 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, Robert Drake, Eric McCarthy

Directors Present: Erica Freudenberger (Red Hook), Lauren Muffs (PPLD), Patti Haar (Patterson)

Visitors: Donald Ferraro (Patterson BOT President), Joan Graham (Patterson BOT Vice President), Paul Calabrese (Patterson Trustee), Marna Howarth (Patterson Trustee)

Action Items:

1. Minutes of March 10, 2012 amended & approved
2. Financial Report for February approved
3. Financial Report for March approved
4. Warrant for March accepted
5. Warrant for April accepted
6. Expenditure of 2011 Central Library certified
7. Approved MHLS 2012-2013 State Aid Budget Application
8. Date for September MHLS BOT meeting changed to 10 a.m. September 19 @ MHLS

Discussion Items:

1. MHLS BOT President Peter Hoffmann
 - a. encouraged all Trustees to follow through on Board-to-Board contact, and attend BOT meetings at member libraries they represent;
 - b. suggested in addition to visiting BOTs, Trustees also visit the county library association meetings to provide them an opportunity to learn more about the libraries they represent.
2. Executive Director Mike Nyerges:
 - a. Reported the System Funding Task Force will meet May 15 to discuss proposed budget revisions;
 - b. Plans for personnel changes (hired cleaning person, will expand 1 PT Tech person to FT);
 - c. Announced Trustee Hoffmann will draw up specifications for work on auditorium gratis.
3. Trustee Michael Minor
 - a. Report from Facility Committee: Discussion about the third floor, now mostly empty, including renting the space out, but a number of issues need to be addressed before a better utilization of the space can be determined.
4. Trustee Jean Ehnebuske Report from Trustee Services Committee:
 - a. Considered speakers for Annual Meeting (may go with panel discussion of Regents Advisory Council)
 - b. Develop orientation for incoming trustees
 - c. Suggest MHLS Trustees "friend" member libraries on Facebook & social networks
 - d. Added message from MHLS BOT President to Across the Board publication

5. Trustee John Bickford Report from Planning & Personnel Committee
 - a. Reviewed mileage reimbursement for staff
 - b. Revised role of system administrator
 - c. Previewed changes to tech staff
 - d. Discussed retiree health insurance concerns
6. Trustee Roland Patterson Report for Finance Committee
 - a. Money available for new staff positions (cleaner & FT IT Tech)
 - b. Presented proposed operating budget revision to be sent to System Funding Task Force

Next meeting 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at MHLS.

Respectfully submitted by Erica Freudenberger