

Liaison Report to DA from MHLS Board Meeting
May 8, 2013
Saugerties Public Library

Trustees Present:

X Baker Brill, Lisa (Greene)	X Morini, Regina (Putnam)
X Benton Profera, Caroline (Greene)	X Patterson, Roland (Dutchess)
X Bickford, John (Dutchess)	Perry, Matthew (Columbia)
X Conine, Bill (Greene)	X Ridgeway, Lynne (Ulster)
X Hoffmann, Peter (Ulster)	X Sameth, Myrna (Ulster)
X Mac Nish, Steve (Dutchess)	X Schnitzer, Janet (Columbia)
X Miller, Martin (Putnam)	X Tuttle, Jim (Columbia)
	X von Bergen, Camilla (Putnam)

Staff Present: Merribeth Advocate, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Robert Drake, Eric McCarthy, Mike Nyerges, Linda Vittone, Peggy Winn

Liaisons Present: Tom Lawrence (PPLD), Frank Rees (Kent)

Others Present: Bernard Carroll, Saugerties Public Library Trustee

Presidents Report:

President Hoffmann welcomed attendees and thanked the Board, staff, and Director of the Saugerties Public Library, Sukrit Goswami for hosting the meeting.

Hoffmann then called for a motion to amend the Agenda to add "Executive Session" under new business. The motion carried.

Action Items:

- Minutes of March 9, 2013 approved.
- Financial Report for February 2013 and March 2013 accepted.
- Warrants for January, February, and March 2013 accepted.
- Amendments to the System's Bylaws accepted. Changes will be presented to the membership for adoption at the October 18, 2013 Annual meeting.
- 2012 Annual Report accepted.
- Resignation of cataloging specialist Katherine Kassel and the hiring of Elizabeth Anastasi as temporary part-time website ILS specialist approved.

Discussion Items:

- 1) Executive Director Mike Nyerges
 - a) Reported that the intent of three proposed bylaws amendments is to clarify the role of System trustees and the qualifications required to serve on the board.
 - b) Presented proposed revisions to the 2013 budget by the Finance Committee and the System Services and Funding Task Force Committees.
- 2) Liaison Report, Frank Rees (Kent)
 - a) Reported that the DA approved the merger of the System Services Task Force and System Funding Committees into a single System Services Advisory Committee.

- 3) Facilities Committee Report, Mr. Mac Nish, Chair
 - a) Reported that the Facilities committee met on April 18 and reviewed the current projects: repair of the auditorium façade and the auditorium asbestos abatement, and prioritized construction projects the next Construction Grant Application.
- 4) Finance Committee Report, Ms. Morini, Chair
 - a) Reported that the committee met in April and reviewed the draft of the 2013 budget revisions and drafts of the projected 2014 and 2015 budgets.

Executive Session:

- 1) At 11:50 a.m., the MHLS Board went into Executive Session “to discuss issues dealing with the Executive Director.” At 12:45 p.m. Mr. Hoffman resumed the regular session of the meeting and took the following actions:
 - b) Accepted the resignation of Executive Director Michael Nyerges, effective September 30, 2013.
 - c) Authorized President Hoffmann to hire Bradbury Associates to assist the MHLS in the search for a new Executive Director based on their proposal of April 6.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 a.m., at the Mid-Hudson Library System Auditorium

Respectfully submitted by Frank Rees (Kent)