

System Funding Task Force Meeting - March 22, 2010

Attending: Attending: Linda Deubert, Gloria Goverman, Sally Alderdice, Pat Kaufman, Jeanne Buck, Margie Menard, Tom Lawrence, Josh Cohen, MerriBeth Advocate.

Task Force reviewed the Tires & Wires Cost Recovery Funding Proposal chart distributed at the March DA meeting, which shows what it costs the system to run automation and delivery, what the members contribute towards these costs, and what the difference is.

- Suggestions to clarify chart:
 - Reorder columns
 - Look at space rent, and space size
 - Add in \$ from network support
 - Look into price of Internet

The Task Force agreed that in these discussions it is important to not get off track by details.

J. Cohen distributed a chart projecting what the cost per library would be for total cost recovery of tires and wires. It does not include what is being paid now. The formula used:

- For wires: 50/50 split between circulation (barometer of use) & per capita (barometer of potential use)
- For tires: uses the current fee model (it comes out higher because part of the current fee 40K is being picked up by Central Library Development Aid).

The Task Force recommended that beginning in 2012 to gradually increase the members share of automation and delivery costs. Two models of implementation were discussed:

1. A multiyear phase-in, leading to eventual total cost recovery.
2. Phase it in if the state funding is not sufficient.

Process for raising the fees was discussed:

- What would trigger the raise: Budget projection showing a shortage.
- Clear agreement is needed on where the decision is made, making sure the Directors have the authority to make the decision.

Actions:

- Create a final sheet for Directors
- Create a System Funding Fact Sheet FAQ for library Directors

Next meeting: Tuesday April 13 @ 10am