

SULLIVAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ALLIANCE

Minutes

August 24, 2012, Liberty Library

Present:

Alan Barrish	Monticello
Joyce Conroy	Roscoe
Randall Enos	RCLS
Robert Hubsher	RCLS
Peggy Johansen	Livingston Manor
Mary Paige Lang-Clouse	Monticello and Eldred
Marge Linko	Liberty
Dave Phillips	Fallsburg
Pennie Mercado	Fallsburg
Pam Stocking	Ellenville
Kristin White	WSPL

Introductions were made to open the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Kristin White made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was read by Marge Linko in the treasurer's absence. Joyce Conroy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Computing Center

Kristin White reported that Western Sullivan Public Library did not qualify for, or apply for, Consolidated Funding. Robert suggested that WSPL look into the state's broadband grant for the computer center, and said that if WSPL receives funding, all of Sullivan County libraries would benefit.

Business Expo

Robert reported that the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo will be held in Rock Hill at The Sullivan on Sept. 28 and 29, 2 to 8 pm and 10 to 4 pm respectively. Robert and Marge have arranged to have a table for the libraries. Discussion was held concerning staffing the table; the benefits of networking at the Expo; what kind of freebies we could give away and other items to bring. Marj will create a survey to increase interaction with visitors. Robert will bring a laptop and iPad.

Robert suggested that a Sullivan County Libraries brochure or bookmark would be useful. Mary Paige volunteered to take care of it, as well as a banner for the table. The banner will cost approximately \$120.00 and will say "Sullivan County Public Libraries."

Boopsie

Robert discussed the components of Boopsie, including "Book Look," the ability of the app to read a UPC code, connect to a library catalog, and find that item in the catalog so the user can place a hold on the item and then choose a library from which to pick it up. Boopsie also links to Overdrive and allows direct downloads to a user's device.

E-Resources and Symphony

Robert also reported that near the end of the year Enterprise will include the ability to search Overdrive. When you click on a digital item it will be downloaded directly (on both desktops and mobile devices). Robert discussed paying for this through the ANSER budget.

Friends Groups

Kristin discussed initiating a WSPL Friends Group and invited Randy to speak at a board meeting. Mary Paige said that Monticello's Friends received their certificate of incorporation in 2010 and has applied for their 501c3. A discussion was held concerning other Friends' topics.

Consultants' Reports

Randy

Aileen Gunther has obtained funding for Summer Reading Programs in her district. LSTA funding for SRP 2013 may not be available. SRP program materials for 2013 will be out soon. The next CLOUSC meeting will be on October 4, 9:15 a.m. in Fallsburg.

Robert

Please keep RCLS informed when libraries make changes in staff, trustees and hours.

September 14—RCLS Legislative Breakfast

September 19?—Digital Book Mobile will be at Newburgh Mall from 12 to 6

Check out the new Newburgh Branch Library on Route 300.

In 2013 there is a 27th pay period that will affect everyone's budget, including RCLS.

Our state allocation will be \$133,317 over the amount we budgeted for State Aid, leaving an anticipated shortfall of \$147,776, which will be made up with member fees and funds from the unallocated fund balance.

Most of Symphony's problems have been fixed or will be shortly. Enterprise has some problems, but has been improved.

ANSER fees will probably go up 5 % in 2013.

Library systems are being funded from the state at 20% less than education law formulas require. If RCLS was fully funded there would be a small surplus; however, the budget will be created based on 2012 state funding.

For the RCLS budget to be passed, a majority of the member library boards that vote need to pass it, not a majority of the total number of boards.

Leslie

The RCLS website includes a helpful Directors' Resources list.

There will be two fall roundtables, Literacy Adult Outreach and Programming.

Leslie will be retiring in November. Robert plans to hire her replacement in October.

Monticello News

Alan Barrish announced that he will retire in May, on his 25th anniversary.

The bond issue passed in Monticello, in order to float a bond for a new building. Alan attributed the high voter turnout and the high margin of positive votes to the awareness of the need for new building.

Livingston Manor News

Peggy discussed some Livingston Manor projects, including Manor Ink, the youth-run, library-based newspaper.

Liberty News:

Marge reported that the Antique Road Show was a very successful program. Axtell Antiques did the appraisals. The cost to the library was \$200 and participants were charged \$3.00 per item appraised. The appraisals were lively and attendance was good. Marge felt she should have scheduled it for three hours rather than two.

Several members said they will be attending the NYLA conference this fall.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Johansen (for Joann Gallagher)