

**SULLIVAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ALLIANCE**  
**Minutes**  
**January 17, 2014**

Peggy Johansen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Mamakating Library.  
The following were present:

Joyce Conroy	Roscoe
Randall Enos	RCLS
Joann Gallagher	Grahamsville
Hattie Grifo	Cragmoor
Patty Kennedy	Eldred
Peggy Johansen	Livingston Manor
Mary Paige Lang-Clouse	Monticello
Greg Werczlya	Mamakating

Mary Paige Lang-Clouse made a motion to accept the minutes of November 15, 2013, seconded by Patty Kennedy. The motion carried.

Joann Gallagher gave the Treasurer's Report. Greg Werczlya made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mary Paige Lang-Clouse. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Rescheduling of Legislative Bus Tour
  - a. Peggy offered the following dates: 4/1, 4/8, 5/6, 5/13. The members selected 4/8. They also discussed the large area involved and suggested splitting the tour into two sessions. Peggy will check with Cora Edwards to see which scenario they would prefer.
  - b. The members also discussed the involvement of RCLS.
    - 1) The consensus was that the representative should speak during lunch.
    - 2) RCLS services should be highlighted, especially the delivery service that allows for the distribution of Interloans throughout the system.
2. Bethel Woods – *Alice in Wonderland*
  - a. Movie will be shown on Sunday, March 29.
  - b. Eldred Library will receive 4 free tickets because the library is incorporating the theme in their "Take Your Child to the Library Day." They are also working out details for reduced price tickets (\$1.00 off).
3. Rural Broadband Project
  - a. Hattie Grifo serves on the Board of the Rural Broadband Company, and reported on the company and its role in providing Infrastructure, Capacity, and Digital Literacy.
  - b. Connect NYS mirrors the federal stimulus program; the company follows these



guidelines.

- c. The company is a for-profit company, but there must be a non-profit component in order for them to receive public funds. That is where libraries come in.
- d. Libraries will receive free routers and a signal of 100 mbps, free of charge, forever.
- e. Joann was approached by Hattie, Tony Ramos (President of the company), and Tony Castaldo (RCLS) to consider participation.
- f. Please see Hattie's attached report for more information.

#### 4. Other

- a. Mary Paige suggested that we create a public relations "Traveling Trunk" which will include the banner, a map indicating the location of each library, hand-outs, and any special "extras" that the libraries would like to include. Randy suggested that the trunk be on wheels.
- b. Grace Riario offered to schedule a day of training in Sullivan County. She indicated that Susan Scott could also present. The members discussed duration of the training and decided that a morning session would be enough. Several topics were considered; the members decided on "Overdrive" and "EBSCO." We will incorporate a regular SUPLA meeting into the day.  
Schedule:  
9:00 a.m. – SUPLA meeting  
10:00 a.m. – Overdrive  
11:00 a.m. – EBSCO

Joann offered to hold the meeting/ workshop at Grahamsville. Since the third Friday of the month is Good Friday, the meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 25. (Please note that the date was changed to Monday, April 28). Peggy will confirm with Grace regarding date and topics.

- c. Greg asked Randy whether it would be possible to schedule a Performers' Showcase in Sullivan County because several of the performers who are featured were located at great distances from Sullivan County. Randy felt that this would be difficult. Greg then suggested a Sullivan County "Roundtable."

#### NEW BUSINESS:

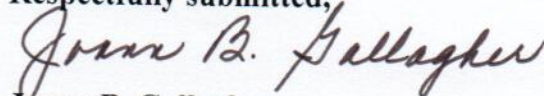
1. Book Donation from BKAA
  - a. Each library received a copy of the book, *Birding Guide to Sullivan County, New York* by John Haas.
  - b. The members agreed to send "thank you" notes to Paula Medley, President of the Association.
  - c. Hattie distributed copies of the *BKAA Guardian*.
2. Cornell Cooperative Extension collaboration
  - a. Mary Paige suggested that we pursue collaborations, and that we promote each other's programs and services.
  - b. The members agreed to invite Marilyn Jones to the June 20 meeting.



3. **Battle of the Books**
  - a. **The Sullivan County Competition will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 1:00 p.m., at the Grahamsville Library.**
  - b. **Livingston Manor, Eldred, Monticello, Grahamsville, and possibly Liberty will participate.**
  - c. **Five books were selected: 2 books from the Regional List and 3 books from the America's Battle of the Books list.**
  - d. **There will be a registration fee of \$50.00 to cover the cost of the prizes and refreshments.**
  
4. **The following Agenda items were tabled because of time constraints:**
  - a. **Strategic Planning**
  - b. **BOCES Adult Education "Cultural Calendar"**
  - c. **Media contact lists**
  - d. **WJFF library program**
  
5. **Consultants Reports**
  - a. **Randy Enos reported on the following:**
    - 1) **He has checked with Alison Moran regarding Aileen Gunther's grant and it is "in the works." Each library will receive \$1,364.00.**
    - 2) **There will be different criteria for the 2014 Summer Reading Program Grant:**
      - a) **Must focus on early literacy**
      - b) **Must attend the SRP Early Literacy Workshop**
      - c) **Must make a presentation at the workshop the following year**
      - d) **Must be held by July 10, 2014**
    - 3) **RCLS will participate in the "Touch A Truck" event in Liberty.**
    - 4) **Randy encouraged members to participate in "Take Your Child to the Library Day."**
    - 5) **Susan Scott will schedule a program in May on gaming equipment.**
    - 6) **There will be a Friends' webinar on January 29; registration fee is \$35.00.**
    - 7) **Grace offered that Carl Berkowitz's son is willing to present a graphic novel workshop; he presented this workshop to the correctional facilities librarians at the Daniel Pierce Library.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Sunshine Hall Library in Eldred on Friday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joann B. Gallagher  
Secretary-Treasurer

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