

# SULLIVAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ALLIANCE

## DRAFT - Minutes

February 21, 2014

Peggy Johansen called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m. at the Sunshine Hall Free Library in Eldred, N.Y.

The following were present:

Peggy Johansen, Livingston Manor  
Patty Kennedy, Eldred  
Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Monticello  
Marj Linko, Liberty  
Kristin White, Western Sullivan

Robert Hubsher, RCLS

Speaker Elizabeth Hayter, the Director of Adult & Continuing Education Programs at Sullivan BOCES, was introduced. She gave out BOCES goodies – the Winter ACE Course Catalog, pens erasers, etc.

Her department works to prepare adult learners for the GED & ESL Testing; adult-based education and high school equivalency education. She also oversees vocational programs such as construction & HVAC to expand opportunities to learn skills to enter the work world.

The public libraries (see Catalog, p.12): offer intakes, pre-tests, classes and orientations. Kristin asked that WSPL information be updated and inquired about how to expand participation at her location.

GED – no longer known as GED (published by Pearson) – in New York State changed to HSE – high school equivalency – and the test changed to TASC ‘Test Assessing Secondary Completion’ – published by McGraw-Hill Education - different publisher.

Must have an intake (‘TABE’) done prior to enrolling in BOCES programs. Currently must take TABE test on paper but will be moving to an online version. The online version will be adaptive – in that it adjusts upcoming questions to where test taker is strong or weak.

Programs are run at SCCC on Tuesdays & Thursdays

There are two BOCES catalogs per year now (used to be more).

Controversy in that the Pearson View tests are \$120 per test. New York State law indicates the GED/HSE is to be free for New Yorkers. So instead of Pearson (that created the GED) New York went with TASC – costing the state only \$50 per test. In 2014 the test will still be done on paper in Sullivan County. By 2015 some sites will have transitioned to giving it via computer, but not county-wide.

Both Veritas (in Eldred) & DayTop (in Swan Lake) closed recently. BOCES has lots of GED books from these locations. While GED is no longer offered – contact Elizabeth if anyone can make use of them.

TASC being given March 28 & 29 (see catalog, pg15) Those that took the GED in 2013 & passed some (but not all) parts can retake the TASC in totality but can carry over their passes from when they took the GED in 2013.

### **Business Meeting:**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Patty Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2014 noting correction of spelling of Greg 'Wirszyla''s last name. Mary Paige 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Kristin made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty Kennedy. All in favor.

#### **Old Business**

Rescheduling of Bus Tour – not at this time

SUPLA Promotional Materials for County-Wide Events - Mary Paige to get SCPL bookmarks together for Touch-A-Truck in Liberty.

CCE Speaker – Mary Paige to follow up on a representative attending our June meeting.

Other – The Guardian – BKAA – article submitted to Paula Medley on book donation to the libraries from BKAA - for next edition of The Guardian.

#### **New Business**

Strategic Planning – Kristen – No Report

Media Contacts List – Kristin – to share hers with all of us via email.

Other – Peggy about Dollar General Literacy Grants. And 'The Lisa Libraries' in Kingston, N.Y – offer free books at: <http://lisalibraries.org/frames.html>

#### **Consultant Reports**

Robert Hubsher delivered the TASC workbooks bought by RCLS for each member library. Elizabeth indicated earlier that in New York these tests wouldn't be used directly at this time. Robert reminded us about Advocacy Day in Albany the following week and about upcoming RCLS workshops that Grace has scheduled. We should attend & encourage our trustees to also attend.

Next Meeting: March 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m. at the Callicoon Branch, WSPL

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Paige Lang-Clouse