

# SULLIVAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ALLIANCE

## Minutes

June 20, 2014 - *DRAFT*

Peggy Johansen called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. at the Livingston Manor Free Library.

The following were present:

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

Randy Enos & Grace Riario, RCLS

Sean Welsh and Marilyn Jones from CCE were introduced. Sean is Youth, Family and Community Development Team Leader at CCE and Marilyn is a 4-H Youth Development Community Educator.

### **Business Meeting:**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Kristin moved to approve the minutes of April, 28, 2014; Mary Paige seconded. All were in favor.

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

Mary Paige moved to accept the Treasurers Report; seconded by Kristin. All were in favor.

#### **Old Business**

*Brunch Wrap-up:* all went well; folks liked the running slideshows of library events. Champions (2 moms from Monticello, 1 senior from Liberty) – all did a great job.

*Funding Gunther & County* – Paperwork was received in May. Randy Enos needs to f/u with reporting mechanism by the end of June to get Gunther checks issued.

*Letter of Support for MountainKeeper's Solar Project* – Letter not sent on behalf of SUPLA

*Thunder 102, Sullivan County Libraries Update* -

*Battle of the Books* – Sullivan County Battle will be April 4, 2015. Regional Battle in September - several Sullivan County libraries will be participating. Several battle team coaches from Sullivan County want to serve on the book selection committee for the 2015 Regional Battle and spoke with Randy about how to become a member of that committee when the time comes.

#### **New Business**

*Joint S.C. Library Programs Calendar Online* – Tabled

*Float Your Boat Software* – Employment Resources package – sprifically for Spanish speakers/readers – speaks to language-related to employment with minimal English skills – the best audience.

*Friends of the Library* – WSPL Friends would like to connect with Friends from the other SC libraries.

## *Guests From CCE*

Sean and Marilyn spoke about various things CCE does throughout the County: The Story Walk program that Marj Linko helped to put together with Nicole Slevin at CCE. It was suggested we all visit the one that is now in place out on the trail behind the CCE building and use it as a model for creating additional Story Walks at our various libraries and perhaps creating a shared collection of them. See Story Walk Program website at: <http://www.letsgo.org/in-your-community/story-walk/>

Marilyn spoke about their being about 300 4-H members (5y-19y) in the County in various clubs throughout. There is also a Teen club that meets monthly of about 25 members of which 5-10 attend regularly. Their activities are directly driven by the teen members. Marilyn spoke about Fair and that individual children can enter items in the Grahamsville Little Worlds Fair in August each year; don't have to be 4-H members to enter any number of craft, food, grown plant items, etc. In the past they had an astronomy club that met at CCE and have sophisticated telescopes.

Sean spoke about the recently constructed Green House they have at CCE – which extends the growing season, they are developing a 'EAT Kitchen' for use by folks interested in developing an ag product; can be used as an incubator. They offer a Master Food Preservation Program. They also offer respite retreats through the Caregiver Resource Center. Sean specifically teaches Financial Education classes for consumers – as well as offering information on energy efficiency & conservation. They used to offer babysitting classes but they are now offered by the American Red Cross. Though expensive they do include CPR Certification. This year they are offering a Junior Master Gardener Program for young children that offers the building blocks for becoming Master Gardeners down the line.

Contact Marilyn Jones if interested in receiving the Weekly 4-H Alert by email. It lists 'additional opportunities so often lists library programs for youth.

### **Consultant Reports**

**Randy Enos** – September Battle of the Books & SRP

**Grace Riario** – Visit with Senator John Bonaic June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. – Middletown office with 3 RCLS trustees, Grace & Gregg Knowles. SUPLA & trustees are invited. We discussed the Sullivan County career counseling program and upcoming sessions in the Fall of 2014.

Fall 2014 Continuing Education Program Schedule was distributed – (attached) - along with College Prep Checklist brochures for each library.

Nominations for Adult & Children's programs of 2013 and Anthony J. Knipp Trustee award are being accepted at RCLS. Awards given out at at RCLS Legislative Breakfast September 12<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting: Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Roscoe – Dr. Mihkail – administering Folklore Society Grant.

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Paige Lang-Clouse