

# SULLIVAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ALLIANCE

## Minutes

Sept. 19, 2014

Peggy Johansen called the meeting to order at 10:06 am at Roscoe Free Library.

The following library directors were present:

Joyce Conroy, Roscoe

Peggy Johansen, Livingston Manor

Patty Kennedy, Eldred

Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Monticello

Marjorie Linko, Liberty

Kristin White, Western Sullivan

Greg Wirszyła, Mamakating

### Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Marj made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kristin seconded and all were in favor.

Mary Paige made a motion to reimburse mileage expenses for Matt Thorenz to come to the SUPLA Meeting as our guest speaker for the October meeting. Joyce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **The next meeting will be held at the Sullivan County Historical Society in Hurleyville on October 24 at 10:00 am.**

### Old Business

*County Funding* - Peggy sent a letter requesting \$22,000, but noted that we have been getting far less than this amount for many years. She mentioned that they required more documentation this year and thanked Joann for her assistance with this process.

*Battle of the Books* - Three Sullivan County teams did well in the Regional RCLS battle this fall and due to our increased participation, more of the teen librarians and Battle of Books meetings will be held at RCLS instead of in the Rockland area. Congratulations to Grahamsville for winning this year! Jeanne Fiedler (TriValley School librarian) would like schools to partner with public libraries with the Battle of the Books. The school librarians will be discussing this more at a meeting on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Our County Battle will be held on **Sat. April 4, 2015**. We have scheduled a **planning meeting for the Battle for Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Monticello**. If you or another staff person would like to attend, but have a conflict with this date, please contact Peggy.

*Gunther Funding* - We all thought that funding from Aileen Gunther was on its way this past summer. We will contact Randy to see what the status is on that.

*Babysitter Course* - There was interest in exploring getting a Red Cross babysitting course in Sullivan County and maybe sharing the funding of it. We will discuss more at the next meeting.

*Community Preparedness* - Joyce mentioned that September is Community Preparedness month and will look into the possibility of offering a related workshop to the public in our area.

## **New Business**

### *Overdrive Shared Purchasing*

We discussed the recent proposal for funding \$100,000 for shared eContent. Many of our member libraries said that they didn't have that amount of money available to re-allocate to spending on eBooks. While most agreed that the idea is a good one, the proposal given to us to consider was too costly for some who need to begin at a lower amount.

Discussion focused on 4 suggestions for the System Services Committee to consider:

1. Provide two additional eContent proposals based on UHS and MHS models of cost sharing.
2. Consider a phase-in of the costs of the minimum allocation fee over a few years
3. Begin the total amount of the pool at \$50,000 (instead of \$100,000) and evaluate increasing this over a few years.
4. Develop an eContent Collection Development Purchasing policy for the shared eContent acquisitions committee to use. This would cover among other things how many copies of bestsellers to purchase based on the number of system-wide holds.

Marj Linko volunteered to become a member of System Services and to discuss these things with them at their next meeting. She will email Carol about this.

No Consultant Reports.

### **Immigration Workshop Report**

MaryPaige handed out pamphlets from the Immigration workshop that she went to after the last Director's meeting. She found it to be worthwhile and requested additional kits if anyone had ones that they were not using.

**Next Meeting: October 24 at 10:00 am at the Sullivan County Historical Society in Hurleyville .** Matt Thorenz from the Moffat Library will speak about Adult Services using Local History Programming

Meeting adjourned by Peggy at 11:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Marjorie Linko