

SULLIVAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ALLIANCE

Minutes

Oct. 24, 2014

Peggy Johansen called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 am at Sullivan County Museum & Historical Society in Hurleyville, NY.

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

Also in attendance:

Joanna Goldfarb, Librarian from Monticello
Matt Thorenz, Librarian from Washingtonville and guest speaker
Randall Enos, Youth Services Consultant, RCLS

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 19th meeting were reviewed. Joyce made a motion to accept the minutes. Mary Paige seconded and all were in favor.

Treasurer's report

There was no treasurer's report available.

Old Business

Babysitting and Community Preparedness Courses – Joyce reported that the American Red Cross is offering babysitting courses in Goshen & Middletown only. Several mentioned that the babysitting courses seemed quite cost prohibitive. Community preparedness is offered but not yet in our area.

Overdrive Shared Purchasing –No report was made as the System Services committee has not met yet. Marj and Greg plan to attend the next meeting.

New Business

BOCES is offering a Notary Public Training course on Nov. 10th at the St. John's street location in Monticello in case you have staff that you would like to send.

Patty reminded everyone that Sophia Martynec is willing to provide tax assistance at libraries. If interested, you can contact Patty for her phone number.

John Conway left a sheet that lists various presentations he can give at libraries.

Consultant's Report – Randall Enos

Randall Enos reported that we should have all received "Every Hero Has a Story" summer reading materials by now.

He said that 25% of the Aileen Gunther funding had been received to date. Discussion followed regarding how to distribute the partial funding. It was noted that the libraries with smaller budgets had a difficult time spending grant money before they receive it. Marj made a motion that RCLS should fully pay Roscoe & Eldred their respective shares of the funds and that if there is any remaining funds that amount should be held back until the full amount of funding has been received from Aileen Gunther's office. The motion was seconded by Greg and all were in favor.

Guest Speaker: Matt Thorenz from the Moffat Library gave an excellent presentation on Local History Programming. For those unable to attend the presentation, his LibGuide can be found online and gives a great overview of what he's done at several local libraries.

Next Meeting: November 21st in Narrowsburg –no guest speaker as of yet.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 and attendees toured the museum with trustee Myron Gittel.

Respectfully submitted by: Marjorie Linko