

SULLIVAN ULSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY ALLIANCE

Minutes

November 21, 2014 - DRAFT

Peggy Johansen called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 am in the Community Room at the Tusten-Cohecton Branch, WSPL.

The following library directors were present:

Joyce Conroy, Roscoe

Peggy Johansen, Livingston Manor

Patty Kennedy, Eldred

Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Monticello

Kristin White, Western Sullivan

Also in attendance:

Tracy Allen, Director FML & Chair, RCLS Directors Association

Randall Enos, Youth Services Consultant, RCLS

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 24th meeting were reviewed. Kristin made a motion to accept the minutes; second by Joyce; all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

\$855.54. (I don't think the treasurer's report needs to be 'approved' – even though we did.)

Discussed possible future uses for SUPLA (dues) money:

1. ALA READ software: <http://www.alastore.ala.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=240>
Randy is looking into RCLS purchasing for the consortia.
2. 3D Printer that each SUPLA library could use in their library for 'x' weeks – pass along to the next.
3. Reimbursing travel expense for SUPLA directors attending RCLS Directors Association meetings.

Old Business

Gunther Funding – Randy called her office this morning and it looks as though it will be an additional 2 weeks before RCLS will receive the full amount. Eldred & Roscoe shared the initial 25% that was received by RCLS.

Overdrive Shared Purchasing – Marj and Greg were not able to attend the most recent System Service meeting. Some discussion of proposed alternative approaches to the consortial funding mechanism & process.

New Business

NYLA Conference – Keynote – Rich Harwood – inspiring.

Randy spoke highly of a teen music system program, found the Friends Bookstore session – while lightly attended – an informative session. He reminded us of a free tax help group that presented – 'Pro Bono' that helps Friends groups and other tax exempt organizations.

Kristin got a lot out of the Continuing Ed. Workshop on Wednesday: 'Flipped on Assessment'.

Mary Paige – ‘Legal Issues’ session was good, as was the Book Festival ‘How To’ session. Not keen on John Boecker program.

Peggy – Grant-writing workshop was helpful – Council on the Humanities representative on the panel – will work with folks on developing proposals.

Oral Histories – ‘Memory Circles’ – come together and share memories – with a recorder/interviewer – ‘Listening Parties’ with local food and music.

Writing Tag Lines & Elevator Speeches session – emphasized taking advantage of quick exchanges with members of your community. Write it out & memorize it. Ex: Library in a vineyard area: ‘Uncork the Possibilities!’

PBS Learning Media \$395/year – subscription to large set of PBS media. Log in access to documentaries & curriculum.

Tracy came to SUPLA with the hope to learn more about what happens on the local front at meetings of Directors regionally – with the hope to bring some of that positive energy and more engaged discourse to the Directors’ Association meetings.

Mary Paige will share the details of the latest NYSOGS fuel oil contract.

Next Meeting: January 16th in Liberty – no guest speaker as of yet; Peggy to confirm location with Marj.

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Paige Lang-Clouse