

Sullivan Ulster Public Library Alliance
March 23, 2018 Minutes
Approved April 13, 2018

Attendance:

Mary Paige Lang-Clouse – Monticello
Patty Kennedy – Eldred
Audra Everett – Western Sullivan

Peggy Johansen – Mamakating
Kelly Wells - Fallsburg
Henry Barish – Livingston Manor

M. Lang-Clouse called the meeting to order at 9:34am at the E.B. Crawford Public Library.

Speakers:

Sandi Rowland from Sullivan 180 presented about the new group and their goals. Sullivan County's health ranking is 61st out of 62 counties in New York State. Sullivan 180 aims to improve Sullivan County's health rankings. They're training volunteer health coaches (hoping to have 25 trained throughout the year – starting with just 5 this spring) to provide information and to facilitate a support group of sorts. Group is also collecting surveys to try and determine what barriers people might be facing to accessing health care. They hope to have that data collected by early April.

Business Meeting:

Approval of Minutes

P. Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/9/18. A. Everett seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

K. Wells made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report prepared 3/22/18. P. Johansen seconded. All in favor.

Consultant's Report:

No RCLS consultants were able to attend the rescheduled meeting.

Old Business:

NYLA Library Advocacy Day

Pretty successful – seemed to be a good attendance again. Approved budget showed increase of \$10 million to construction aid over the Governor's proposal and an increase of \$1 million to Library aid over what we received last year. Advocacy works!

3D Printer Classes

There's a lot of money left for workshops – discussion about maybe putting stipulation on when money needs to be used by before redistributed to rest of libraries. Decided to re-evaluate the situation in the fall – some may be waiting for summer to use their workshop money.

Discussion about amount we should offer for workshops – \$300 that initially were paying was to cover travel for presenter coming up from city – can offer less for more local presenters.

Dan Hust – Monthly Newsletter of the Sullivan County Manager’s Office

Maybe just have him print up 1 per library and leave out with newspapers. Consensus from those at the meeting that people don’t seem to be taking the copies that we had been getting. Maybe more likely to be read if left with newspapers. If you do still want multiple copies sent – let M. Lang-Clouse know.

Project ideas for 2018 Legislative funding/grant

Book Fest

M. Lang-Clouse and P. Johansen gave update on the committee’s progress. Came up with a “Planning Committee” – reaching out to those who may be interested – Angela from Literacy Volunteers has already expressed interest. Will need to create more sub committees such as 1. Funding 2. Author Outreach 3. Events 4. Facilities/Permits 5. PR/Signage 6. Food/Refreshments 7. Volunteer Coordinator

Reach out to Friends/Trustees/School Librarians – maybe contact schools to see who is able and willing to help.

Coordinate Book Fest with Children’s Book Week of 2019 - EBCPL working on getting literary status around that time as well.

Determined that probably wouldn’t need money from the County for this.

Historic Trails

Research for what might find/see on trails. History/origin of the trail – are there ruins? foundations? water features? railroad ties?

Seek funding to hire someone to collect all the info and create LibGuides. Maybe funding for a camera to take video along the trails?

Homebound Delivery

We CANNOT use sick/disabled list from Board of Elections for anything but mailing absentee ballots

M. Lang-Clouse has sent emails to some of those in LARC asking how they get a list? Where they got their bags and if we could see one? What procedures do they have in place? Do patrons put materials on hold for themselves or does library staff?

Discussion of maybe using EMS/VFW/Police to help disseminate information about the service? Something for Meals on Wheels to deliver? (informational flyers only). Flyers to hand out at senior groups and public health clinics?

Discussion about doing outreach first to make sure there is interest in the service first.

County Battle of the Books

Emails are going among participants about date change, no new date has been set yet.

SUPLA Logo

Discussion about how to pick a winner – should we just go with design we like most, get the rights to it and fix how we want it? Pick top 3 and tell them how we would like them to try and revamp their design? P. Kennedy will email the teacher to see how invested the kids are in their designs and what the teacher's thoughts are on how we should go about choosing a winner.

Sullivan County Democrat 'Library Corner' Column

Rotation seems to be working well for everyone. Editors encourage picture submissions with the articles.

Assemblywoman Gunther SRP Grant

No updates yet.

RCLS Legislative Breakfast in Rock Hill

Discussion about having a SUPLA table – maybe showcasing our 3D printers/prints, SCVA library maps, etc. M. Lang-Clouse will check with Helen Rados and Lynn Skolnick about anything special they might be planning.

Hurleyville Makers Lab

Just 2 classes that were being offered. Contracts and class ideas were still being worked on.

New Business:

Fine Free Initiative

Discussion about findings in reports for each library. Discussion about how Board's tend to be leaning. Fine free trial start date pushed back to September with expectation of automatic renewal report capabilities being rolled out in June.

Patron Privacy

Discussion about patron privacy in our libraries – policies for confidentiality. Discussion about privacy on machines not using Envisionware. Is there some way to clean machines in between sessions?

Next Meeting:

April 13, 2018 @ 9:30am – EBCPL in Monticello

K. Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:56pm. A. Everett seconded. All in favor.