

Liaison Report to DA from MHLS Board Meeting
January 12, 2013
Mid-Hudson Library System Auditorium

Trustees Present:

X Baker Brill, Lisa (Greene)	X Morini, Regina (Putnam)
X Benton Profera, Caroline (Greene)	X Patterson, Roland (Dutchess)
X Bickford, John (Dutchess)	X Perry, Matthew (Columbia)
X Conine, Bill (Greene)	X Profera, Caroline (Greene)
X Hoffmann, Peter (Ulster)	X Sameth, Myrna (Ulster)
X MacNish, Steve (Dutchess)	X Schnitzer, Janet (Columbia)
X Miller, Martin (Putnam)	X Tuttle, Jim (Columbia)
Minor, Michael (Ulster)	X von Bergen, Camilla

Staff Present: Merribeth Advocate, Robert Drake, Mike Nyerges, Linda Vittone, Peggy Winn

Liaisons Present: Tom Lawrence (PPLD), Frank Rees (Kent)

Directors Present: Erica Freudenberger (Red Hook), Tom Lawrence (PPLD)

Action Items:

1. Minutes of December 8, 2012 approved
2. Financial Report for November approved
3. Warrant for September accepted
4. Warrant for November accepted
5. 2013 Committee Assignments accepted
6. Agreement between MHLS and the Town of Union Vale approved
7. Hudson Area Association Library variance approved
8. 2013 LSTA Summer Reading Grants authenticated
9. 2013 Family Services Literacy Grant certified
10. 2013 Adult Services Literacy Grant certified
11. Designation of legal counsel and approval of 2013 fees designated

Discussion Items:

- 1) MHLS BOT President Peter Hoffmann
 - a) The loss of revenue created by the closure of the Danskammer Power Plant continues to negatively affect the budgets of the Marlboro and Milton libraries.
 - b) Met with Executive Director and Mr. Tuttle to review the results of Executive Directors evaluation and finalize his contract.
- 2) Executive Director Mike Nyerges
 - a) Staff health and safety issues, identified by a CSEA representative, have addressed and corrected.
 - b) It is expected that the System will begin usage of Dutchess County fuel in the near future with significant savings.
 - c) Trustee Services Committee will meet in February to discuss board objectives and trustee education opportunities for 2013.
 - d) Putnam County Libraries are to be commended for their outstanding community service following Hurricane Sandy. The board discussed the need for libraries to be officially designated at the Federal and State level as "First Restorers."

- 3) Liaison Report, Frank Rees (Kent)
 - a) Highlighted discussions on rescheduling the migration date to Sierra to offset possible circulation problems during school winter recess.
 - b) Reported that the first of four break-out session held as part of the ongoing evaluation of System services. Results to compiled and reviewed by System Services Task Force.
 - c) The Executive Director added that the DA approved a policy allowing libraries to restrict holds on second and additional copies of new materials to local residents.
- 4) Mr. Mac Nish (Dutchess) reported that the building in which the Pine Plains Library is housed is being foreclosed, and the library is facing possible eviction. Mr. Bickford related a recent issue brought to his attention pertaining to the use of the Howland Public Library by a non-patron as a place to provide private tutoring sessions. Mr. Miller (Putnam) suggested that System staff review the status of present ownership and leasing agreements of its member libraries. Mr. Lawrence (PPLD) reported on the status of the Boardman Road construction project
- 5) The MHLS BOT went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, at 10:00 am in the MHLS Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Rees (Kent)