Manchester West Branch Library
Minutes

Present: Randy Brough (Laconia), Mary Ann Senatro (Bedford), Todd Fabian (Concord), Charlie Matthews (Hudson), Michael York (State Library), Cathy Beaudoin (Dover), Dee Santoso (Manchester) and Denise van Zanten (Manchester).

Charlie called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

A tour was given of the newly renovated Manchester West Branch Library.

Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were approved. Moved by Randy, second by Mary Ann.

Treasurer’s Report: $2,618.38 balance.

**Slate of Officers moved as followed:**

- Chair: Charlie Matthews
- Vice Chair: Todd Fabian
- Treasurer: Mary Ann Senatro

Association Reports:

- **NHSL** – Mike reported on the following:
  - There was a nice turnout for a gathering held to honor the service given to the State by the Late Van McLeod, Cultural Resource Director. Mike is currently filling out Van’s term through September of 2017 unless there are changes by the newly elected Governor. Mike shared the report that was completed about the impact Arts and Culture has on the State Economy. Here is the link: [http://gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/committees/185/full%20arts%20and%20culture%20final%20report.pdf](http://gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/committees/185/full%20arts%20and%20culture%20final%20report.pdf)
  - DPLA meeting was held on December 8th. There were about 20 people in attendance to hear about the next steps for NH to join DPLA. Many of the academic libraries were there. Mike promised to share the minutes from the meeting and to add the ULAC group to the list-serve. The group decided to start by organizing into three areas- UNH will head up a committee to review software options so that we can investigate the best one and funding sources; Plymouth State will gather up who has what digitized to date for the group to review and NHLA will be asked to help with organizing public libraries on what we should focus on, what partnerships we may already have with historic associations and any current digital collections done. Vermont met with DPLA staff last year at this time and are just starting their application process. DPLA staff went over service hubs, metadata requirements and how other groups are organized to help us get started.
  - Donna Gilbreth is retiring from the State Library in January. Her job is currently posted.
The State Library lost Linda Kent who passed away in the Fall.

NHAIS – Mike reported on the replacing of NHU-PAC- he will share the RFIP if allowed by the States’ IT Division to get our input. Depending on the budget cycle and funding, Mike hopes to have some progress by June. Randy reported that he and Mike have met with Bob Dunn, our lobbyist, so he understands what NHU-PAC is and does for the NH Library community.

NHLA –

- Had a good Fall Conference. Todd noted that he liked the all-day technology topic focus.
- Todd and Randy reported that the LSR season has begun. Randy didn’t see anything directly related to libraries but asked everyone to check as well. He has a meeting scheduled with the lobbyist for Monday so he may have more to report at the next NHLA meeting on December 13th. Randy noted that the TOR Relay bill from last year was tabled in Senate last year and he is not sure it will be back.
- Todd asked the group for ideas to bring back to the Spring Conference Committee:
  - Director’s Roundtable at the next NHLA Conference, e.g. “If I knew then what I know now”;
  - Something for New Director’s besides the roundtable- panel discussion?
  - Facilities Management- Manchester and Bedford Directors tapped to discuss their projects from 2016.
  - Cost of databases and resource sharing?

NELA- Denise reported that the Conference was well attended and the board is still gathering final numbers. Working on the 2017 budget. Conference is in Burlington next Fall.

ALA/PLA: No report.

Information Exchange- Success Stories

Dover- Cathy and her crew will be the first NH Library to start taking passport applications in 2017!

Laconia- Randy reported that they have had a lot of turnover so there is a lot of change happening at their library. The library knitting group started a project for the winter to leave warm hats in the library for folks to take.

Concord- Todd has also had a lot of change over in staff this past year. Hired a new Assistant Director and working on their search for a new ILS system. Also working on STEAM related programming with a new 3D printer coming.

State Library- Mike reported that NHAIS Local is still going strong.

Manchester- Our biggest accomplishment was the branch renovation! Added a MakerSpace partnership with Barnes & Nobles that is doing very well and we are gearing up for a renovation at the Main Library in January. We will be closed to the public from January 17th to the 28th. Reopening on January 30th. In the meantime the Branch will be open extended hours.

Hudson- Charlie reported that they have had some turnover as well. Bought a 3D printer and started the Freegal service in July. This started a conversation on Hooplah!
Bedford- Mary Ann reported on the success of their geo-thermal project! They participated in a Big Read project with their coop this past year as well.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Randy motioned to adjourn, Denise seconded and meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am

Next Meeting:
January 27, 2017- Concord Public Library- program planning