

Dover Public Library
Minutes

Present: Todd Fabian (Concord), Randy Brough (Laconia), Cathy Beaudoin (Dover), Yvette Couser (Merrimack), Charlie Matthews (Hudson), Denise van Zanten (Manchester), Mary Ann Senatro (Bedford), Betsey Solon (Milford). Charlie called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Minutes: October minutes were approved on a motion by Denise, seconded by Mary Ann. (One spelling correction: Nancy Milone)

Treasurer's Report: \$2,878.92 balance.

Topic: Annual Meeting & Success Stories

- No Annual Meeting actions as we are mid-term of officers' 2-year terms; thus, no elections necessary. However, Charlie will be retiring at end of February 2018. Todd will move up to ULAC Chair. Need new VP: will decide at January meeting. Please submit your name to Charlie if interested.
- Success stories: Dover---passports (won National Award from Dept. of State) and Memory Lab. (Cathy to send specs on equipment bought); Bedford---geothermal HVAC and upcoming plumbing fixes. Also new staffing plan: no pages, all Library Clerks leave desk to shelve; and too much success with children's story times: oversubscribed! Milford---Betsey completes 1 year! Plus building repairs, new signage, tree removal, parking improvements, new passport acceptance facility. Concord---new ILS (Sirsi) going live Feb. 20/21. Pop-up library at new Community Center 3 days/week beginning June 1. Laconia---lots of retirements leading to staff changes. Manchester---renovations on 1st and 2nd floors, adding Hoopla, planning process to renovate lower level. Merrimack---Strategic Plan approved by Trustees, staff retirements, home book delivery through Meals on Wheels partnership, Notary Public services, parking lot renovation, Teen Squads during SRP. Hudson---all positions filled = good team on board now; new bookkeeper position, outreach to assisted living, nursing centers, and to schools.

Association Reports:

- NHSL – Michael York was not present.
- NHAIS – Funding approved for new ILS. Working on it.
- NHLA – Board met. All LSRs are out. Nothing that affects libraries.
- NELA – New board in place. Denise no longer treasurer but still involved. Burlington was great success. Next year's conference in Warwick, RI.
- ALA – Brief discussion on net neutrality.
- PLA – In Philadelphia in March. Betsy is attending as are three from Hudson and two from Concord.

Information Exchange

- Dover: had first ever Staff Development Day Dec. 8: active shooter training and interior planning
- Merrimack: Trustees made breakfast for staff...and gift cards. Celebrating 125th anniversary in 2018. Hosting Rebecca Rule in February for One Book, One Town.
- Milford: holiday party!
- Hudson: designing banners for light poles. Second Strategic Plan in the works. Doing a Hoopla trial.
- Bedford: holiday party!
- Manchester: Winter Reading Program with schools. In-house staff promotions. New sewer lines in CIP. Age-Friendly Building Award.
- Concord: rearranging rooms to better accommodate teens and day-shelter people.
- Laconia: Randy met Bill McKibben.

Old Business:

- None discussed.

New Business:

- DPLA update and ULAC involvement: Todd will be ULAC representative at upcoming DPLA meeting.
- NHLA conference rep from ULAC for May 2018: To be decided. No conference next May anyway.
- Cara's term on the NH Center for the Book expires end of Dec. Voted unanimously to reappoint her as ULAC rep.

Yvette motioned to adjourn, Randy seconded and meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

Next Meeting:

January 26, 2018 – At Manchester City Library to discuss ULAC topics and meeting places for the year.

Tentatively set Feb. 23 meeting at Concord Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Beaudoin

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