

January 26, 2018

Minutes

Present: Mary Ann Senatro (Bedford), Todd Fabian (Concord), Cara Barlow (Derry), Cathy Beaudoin (Dover) Dianne Hathaway (Goffstown), Charlie Matthews (Hudson) , Linda (Hudson), Nancy Vincent (Keene), Tammy Parrott (Keene), Randy Brough (Laconia), Denise van Zanten (Manchester), Dee Santoso (Manchester), Yvette Couser (Merrimack), Betsy Solon (Milford), Steve Butzel (Portsmouth)

Charlie called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were done as we had some new faces at the meeting.

Minutes: December minutes were approved on a motion by Denise and seconded by Mary Ann. (One spelling correction Betsy Solon)

Treasurer's Report: \$2,898.95. 3 cents interest earned No expenses

Topic: Unconference/Annual schedule.

- Todd suggested holding the Unconference in Concord's new Community Center. It is scheduled to open on June 1st. There is a \$100 per hour fee, but there's a possibility of a waiver. It holds up to 90 people and has a prep kitchen. He suggested that a weekday would be better. The proposed date is Friday, September 28th with a backup date of Friday, September 21st. Todd will check availability and details regarding the kitchen and food.
- March Mtg. 3/30 PLA Review, April 27 Mtg. Facilities Renovation/ Project Management, No May Meeting; June 22 Opioid Crisis Speaker/s (Goffstown hosts) Sept. Mtg. Unconference in Concord, October 26th Mtg. Reader's Advisory best practices (Keene hosts). December 14 Annual Meeting (Dover hosts).
- Charlie will send out the schedule for 2018 to the group.

Success Stories/Information Exchange:

Hudson—Charlie retiring in 5 weeks. Working on resolving the longstanding issues with who owns/funds Hills Library Building. Head of Trustees seeking funding for utilities;

Laconia - Randy working on parking lots and its treatment, they had a very successful collaborative program called "Laconia High School poetry Out Loud". Richard Carey wrote an excellent book about a couple that was murdered in Colebrook and hosted an excellent program.

Keene - Nancy said the City of Keene and the library have a new website that uses Drupal. Keene public library and Keene State College are sharing an automation system. Keene has a construction project going on that is fully funded and the Trustees, Friends and the City of Keene are working very well together on it.

Bedford—Mary Ann happily reported that all of the Bedford Library sewer pipes are relined and functioning properly. Their Budget has gone through with a second public hearing. They had a very successful program called “Coffee and Computers”. Their basic Computer programs are doing well. They had a “Bullet Journaling” program that was very popular. They also had a “Fiber Arts Fashion Show” sponsored by Owen of “Elegant You” in Concord. They’re doing a new Children’s Sunday Concert. Their Foundation approved funding for a new YA Section and they’re planning on re-carpeting their lower level possibly in the summer. Mary Ann will set up a Salary Survey for everyone to participate in.

Portsmouth- Their management team had a Retreat and they went to Boston District Hall and spend a day of review of 2017 highs and lows and discussed where they are going in 2018. They’ve been on Koha since October 30th and all is going well so far. Their computer classes have experienced declining attendance. They’re looking at more of a Lifelong Coaching Technology Model rather than classroom instruction. Portsmouth is also looking at a possible “Coding Club”. They’re also looking at reframing their extensive rules of behavior and going to work on 9 friendly rules. They’re working on a program with Veterans and the NH Humanities Council. They have a professor from MIT coming in to talk about Current Affairs. Steve is part of a “Sustainability Alliance” that feature Handprint Parties that he’d like to take on the road to other interested libraries.

Dover- Union settled their contract, they’ve purchased a 3D Printer and have done a prototype for a kitchen utensil and a Mold for a Robot Tire, their Memory Lab is ready to debut, and they have a signup on their website. Their Passport Program has already been very profitable and it’s only been in place for 2017. They do about 4 per day.

Manchester—University of North Texas co-hort with MCL graduated 18 from their first class and there are 21 new students for the next MLIS online course. We are fundraising for our Children’s Room renovation. We will be maximizing and modernizing our space. We hosted a “Cookies and Coats” program. We’re collaborating with the NH Institute of Art and the School District for our Summer Reading program and vacation reading programs. We’re participating in the One Book, One City program reading “Exit West”. We have a new Mayor and new Aldermanic Board and Library Liaison.

Goffstown—Main Street has been under Construction so attendance and statistics are down. They have a new compensation plan that is performance based. Summer Reading will now be called “Summer Experience at your Library”. Summer Reading is evolving.

Concord—there are three big projects in Concord. Their migrating to a new ILS System (SirsiDynix). Their Go Live date is in February just before the next meeting. The new Community Center which will open on Friday, June 1st which will have a pop up library room. Current Challenge is their Branch building that once was a Police Station. The building needs major repairs as well as needing a ramp for ADA.

Milford—Betsy just had her one year anniversary. They've already earned \$3,000 on their Passport program since the middle of December. They have 3 Trustee Openings. They're thinking about having a Trustees Tea or a Public Meeting to talk about what it means to be a Trustee. Projects-Main New Book area with new carpeting and moveable shelving. They partnered with the High School marketing dept., moved storage space and have a new conference room. Association Reports:

- NHSL – Michael York was not present
- NHAIS- Randy reported that there are no legislative issues
- NHLA- Worked with an attorney to complete the audit and complete NHLA Conf. Review. Denise and Dara working on the Conference which will be held in Meredith on May 9th and 10th.
- NELA – Meeting being held concurrent with today's ULAC meeting so Denise and Betsy could not attend.
- ALA- some members planning on attending
- PLA-Lori Fisher will be speaking at a session. Those who will be going will report to the group at the March meeting.

Todd made a motion to adjourn, Randy seconded and the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Next Meeting:

February 23, 2018 at the Concord Public Library TOPIC: Unconference Planning.