

.SULLIVAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ALLIANCE

Minutes

February 27, 2015

Peggy Johansen opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m., at the Liberty Library.
The following were present:

Joyce Conroy	Roscoe
Joann Gallagher	Grahamsville
Paula Gray	Fallsburg
Robert Hubsher	RCLS
Peggy Johansen	Livingston Manor
Patty Kennedy	Eldred
Marjorie Linko	Liberty
Pennie Mercado	Fallsburg
Kristin White	Western Sullivan

The 01/16/2015 minutes were amended to read: “In anticipation of the Executive Committee’s recommending the elimination of the L-type, the directors will vote on the motion at the next DA meeting scheduled for March 3, 2015.”

Joyce Conroy made a motion to accept the minutes, as amended, seconded by Kristin White. The motion carried.

Joann Gallagher gave the Treasurer’s Report. Kristin White made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Marjorie Linko. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New date for SEAL training at the Jeffersonville Library – Thursday, April 16.
- Library Aware demo will be conducted by Sue Scott at the Grahamsvile Library on Friday, April 17. Demo at 9:30 a.m.; regular SUPLA meeting to follow.
- Peggy introduced the possibility of having a “Big Read” in Sullivan County. After discussing the possibility, the members decided not to proceed at this juncture.
- Sullivan County Nonprofit Innovation Award:
 - a. At its 01/16/2015 meeting, the members had considered collectively applying for the grant in the next grant-cycle and possibly using the services of Jay Rabinowitz (Float Your Boat Media).
 - b. Robert questioned the difference between what Mr. Rabinowitz had to offer and the RCLS “Job Now” software. Robert explained that the “Job Now” product was a very comprehensive tool, that it was bilingual

- (Spanish), and that RCLS had paid \$15,000 for it.
- c. Marj suggested that someone do a comparison of the two products.
 - d. Peggy offered that “Job Now” could possibly be a component of a future business-related effort.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bylaws changes – The members had no substantive criticism of the recommended changes. The changes will be voted on at the March 3rd Directors’ Association meeting.
- Legislative Brunch
 - a. The Legislative Brunch will be held on Thursday, May 21, at 11:00 a.m., at the Monticello Library.
 - b. Audra Everett will design and send the invitations.
 - c. The theme was discussed at great length. The members decided to adopt the NYLA theme: “Libraries are Education.” Joann will take care of the program.
 - d. Library champions should represent the various segments of the educational tier: children, teens, adults (retirees), business. The following members agreed to try to find champions in those specific categories.
 - Children – Marj
 - Teens – Peggy
 - Adults (retirees) – Patty
 - Business – Kristin
 - e. The buffet should be ready at 10:45 a.m. so that guests can eat as soon as they arrive.
 - f. Joyce offered to create some “clips” for the event.
- E-rate – Telephone rebates will be disappearing. Robert explained that in order to be eligible for Category II awards (based on square footage), libraries must be CIPA compliant. He will send information on the new guidelines.
- Director Orientation – Kristin and Grace have designed and scheduled two Director Orientation sessions. These sessions are not only for new directors, but for “old” directors as well.

Thursday, May 28, at RCLS, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. –
“Essential Things About System Work”

Thursday, June 4, at RCLS, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. –
“Essential Things About Your Job”

- Removing the L-type – The members expressed their concerns, but were comforted by the fact that there will be a 6-month trial period. Robert explained that if the removal of the L-type passes at the Directors’ Association meeting, the trial period will begin on April 1. At the end of the trial period, the stats will be presented to the directors. Also, it is very important that, in order for the stats to be meaningful, there be a collegial agreement among the directors not to use the “Main Book X” in order to keep items in their respective libraries.
- Kite Day – May 2, 2015 at Sullivan County Community College. Peggy suggested that the Sullivan County libraries be represented at this event and that we display our banner and have a table with general information about the various libraries. Paula agreed to staff the table. Peggy recommended that we give our brochures to Paula at the 4/17 SUPLA meeting in Grahamsville.
- Battle of the Books – Marj informed the group that the Liberty Library would not have a team this year. Paula offered to create a marketing tool to send to the Sullivan County schools to encourage participation. (She had created such a tool at the Tri-Valley Elementary School.)

CONSULTANT REPORTS

Robert Hubsher gave the following report:

- a. Robert introduced the AARP Foundation Grant for the group’s consideration. He indicated, however, that the application process and report were extremely difficult, and he advised us not to apply.
- b. International Bagel Festival in Monticello, August, 2015 – Robert strongly urged that SUPLA be a presence because of the large number of people who attend.
- c. Blue Cloud Analytics – This tool will replace Web Reporter. It is slightly more expensive, but more user friendly. Robert recommended that we support this change.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the Jeffersonville Library, on Friday, March 20, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann B. Gallagher
Secretary-Treasurer

