

Sullivan Ulster Public Library Alliance
January 19, 2018 Minutes
Approved February 9, 2018

Attendance:

Peggy Johansen – Mamakating
Mary Paige Lang-Clouse – Monticello
Patty Kennedy – Eldred
Audra Everett – Western Sullivan
Jessica Dymond – Grahamsville

Marjorie Linko – Liberty
Lisa Palmer – Walkill
Dr. Joyce Conroy – Roscoe
Kelly Wells – Fallsburg
Randy Enos – RCLS

M. Lang-Clouse called the meeting to order at 9:40am at the Western Sullivan Public Library Delaware Free Branch (Callicoon).

Speakers:

Joseph Abraham, co-editor of Sullivan County Democrat, discussed the Democrat and gave some guidance on who to send various information to. You can add the editor's email to your closing/newsletter/e-blast/ etc. lists (editor@sc-democrat.com). They will post info on their Facebook page about library closings/events. Any press releases can be sent to the same email address – they will make sure they reach the paper (give them as much advanced notice as possible but will try to get things in within 1 week). Send event info to the editor email as well, not to the calendar email. Let them know in advance about larger events – they will work on getting someone to cover it for the event – we can also write our own event summary with photos and send to them for printing. For event coverage email joe@sc-democrat.com.

If you know anyone who might make a good freelance writer, send name suggestions to the editors.

As FYI for researchers – Democrat has microfilm dating back to 1907, they charge \$35/hour for research – the Delaware Free Branch and the Sullivan County Historical Society have microfilm of older editions as well. Any research prior to 2012 publications would be best to search the microfilm or hard print edition – NOT the website. Anything 2012 forward should be easily accessed on the Sullivan County Democrat website.

They will look into changing the name of our column from 'Director's Corner' to 'Library Corner.'

Business Meeting:

Approval of Minutes

M. Linko made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/15/17, with correction to motion on reimbursements. P. Kennedy seconded. All in favor.

M. Lang-Clouse mentioned that Monticello hosted SUPLA only 2x in 2017, not the 4x she had thought at the December meeting for refreshment reimbursement.

Treasurer's Report

J. Dymond made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report prepared 1/18/18. P. Johansen seconded. All in favor.

Consultant's Report:

Randy distributed handouts from WIC about eating well – they're in English and Spanish.

Discussion about making a stronger connection between school libraries and us. LARC has a liaison between them and BOCES. BOCES council meets up to 4x during the school year. Randy will ask Lynn (Sullivan County BOCES) about having a liaison between the two groups and ask at RCLS. We can maybe ask Lynn to speak at SUPLA once/year.

RCLS extended the book preview to Monday January 22 due to all the winter weather. CLOUSC Mock Awards was being held at Newburgh on January 22.

Performer Showcase is set for February 23rd at Middletown Thrall Library. They will look into having it earlier next year – might be a question on the evaluation form. Question was asked about having an 'Adult Performer Showcase.' Randy will check with Eileen but unsure if they will have – believes there was a low turnout for the last one they held.

Old Business:

Project Ideas for 2018 Legislative Funding

M. Lang-Clouse received insurance quotes from LTA (Library Trustees Association) – they offer packaged deals for members – she will review them to see if it would cover for library home delivery. She will also contact Karen Matthews at RSVP to look into their policy for volunteer drivers more thoroughly.

Committee for Book Festival

Will look into Book Festival for adults, children, or all. Book vendors to deal with sales – Newburgh Barnes & Noble. Get Literacy Volunteers involved. Committee members: Peggy Johansen, Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Jessica Dymond. – Meeting February 20th time TBD.

Committee for Home Delivery (October Deadline for Outreach Grant)

Committee members: Dr. Joyce Conroy, Audra Everett, Mary Paige Lang-Clouse. Lisa Palmer willing to help write grant if info is given to her – Walkill won Outreach grant last year. Marjorie Linko has interest but cannot fully commit to the committee.

Committee to Develop Online Database of Historic/Natural Features of Walking Trails

Trail interpretations with paper walking trail pamphlets – add library history?

Committee members: Peggy Johansen, Dr. Joyce Conroy

County Battle of the Books – Saturday April 21st @ Grahamsville

Randy will mention to Pine Bush director about our battle – they may have interest in joining. Regional battle will be September 8th – location TBD.

Follow up to 3D Printer training at Grahamsville

Happened Thursday January 18th – it was great.

3D Printer Policy

P. Kennedy reported that the Makerbot warranty is activated and good through 2020. If there's a problem with the printer we may have to go through P. Kennedy – it is linked to her email.

Noted that Ultimaker has much better support and the projects it prints appears to have a more 'finished' look as opposed to Makerbot. The plate is removable in the Makerbot as FYI.

P. Kennedy made a motion to approve the 3D Printer Use Policy, with the name revision to 'Sullivan Public Library Alliance.' J. Conroy seconded. All in favor.

SUPLA Logo

No update available (winter break and winter weather).

Assemblywoman Gunther SRP Grant

Randy confirmed each library in Assemblywoman Gunther's district will receive \$1,363 for Summer Reading 2018 program. Can be used for staff, materials, performers, and other SRP specific incentives. (See email sent 2/5/18 for more info).

Legislative Brunch in 2018?

Decided to hold off since RCLS will be doing their breakfast at the Sullivan. Maybe plan to go to a July/August Legislative meeting to invite them to the RCLS brunch. Maybe inform the Democrat about the breakfast to receive coverage. Try to get Library Champions to speak at breakfast – max of 4 speakers system wide are allowed.

Graphic Ad

Brain storm ideas for June meeting to connect the ad with the holidays.

New Business:

Hurleyville Makers Lab – RCLS Membership

Starts February 1, 2018. RCLS will pay up to \$60/person for RCLS member library staff members to attend classes held at Hurleyville Makers Lab. RCLS has a budget of \$1,500 to use for this purpose through December 2018. 2019 budget will increase/decrease based on the usage in 2018. Reminder that classes are for staff ONLY to attend – not members of the public.

They are willing to create a class specifically for us – must guarantee 6 people for class though. See Grace's email from 2/5/18 for more info and instructions.

Renewals for SCVA and La Voz

J. Dymond may have renewal for SCVA.

M. Lang-Clouse reported that Monticello will be discontinuing their own subscription to La Voz and using their allotment from SUPLA's subscription to La Voz. It costs \$240 for 3 subscriptions. J. Conroy made a motion to renew SUPLA's subscriptions to La Voz and to SCVA. J. Dymond seconded. All in favor.

NYLA Library Advocacy Day

M. Lang-Clouse passed out flyers. Will be February 28, 2018 – need to get as many people on the bus as possible.

RCLS Legislative Breakfast in Rock Hill September 14th @ The Sullivan Event Center

Want to make sure to have displays from each individual library in Sullivan and Ulster counties as well as a SUPLA display.

Other:

M. Lang-Clouse mentioned possibly decorating a Christmas tree for the Sullivan County Historical Society next year. J. Conroy suggested decorating/making a book tree. Just something to think about leading to next year.

As an FYI there are 2 email lists for Sullivan/Ulster libraries – SUCD has ALL directors from Ulster and Sullivan libraries plus some RCLS consultants. SUPLA is opened to more library staff and does not include every director. Be mindful of this when sending emails – (see email from M. Lang-Clouse dated 2/5/18 for details on who is on each list).

Next Meeting:

February 9, 2018 @ 9:30am – EBCPL in Monticello

Note that meetings will now be the 2nd Friday of the month

K. Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:02pm. A. Everett seconded. All in favor.