

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Local Government Center, Concord, NH
DECEMBER 7, 2011

Meeting called to order by the President, Adele Knight 10:04 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Present: Burchstead, Cotter, Edelmann, Gilbert, Hallenbeck, Kirwin, Knight, Meserve, Moses, Snelling, Theoharous, Webster, York

Excused: Jones, Solon

Guests: Tom Ladd, Craig Wark,

MOTION: (Kirwin/Meserve) The Minutes of November 2, 2011 be accepted as printed. PASSED.

TREASURER: Solon was absent. Webster asked that the retreat grant money be reflected in the retreat budget. MOTION (Edelmann/Cotter) accepted and filed for audit. PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communication: Report emailed to the board

Education: Report emailed to the board, the conference is all set. Marsha is working on getting a bus to bring participants from the North Country to our annual conference. She had no luck from Ray Burton and will now contact her state senator.

Finance: Report emailed to the board.

Governance: Report emailed to the board.

NHLA: Report emailed to the board. Webster stressed what a good job Kathy is doing keeping us informed on the NHLA.

President: Report emailed to the board.

State Library: There will most likely be a public hearing in January on the ILL. Cotter said that we need to post an update on our website as well as a copy of Michael's report. The report needs to be received from the legislature as a right to know.

MOTION: (Cotter/Moses) Bruce Cotter will contact the legislative aide of the Finance Committee and request a copy of the State Library report on the ILL vans. Bruce will prepare a statement for the web site that will note the following.

1. The State Library has delivered the final report to the Finance Committee. There has been no response yet.
2. The library community of Trustees, Directors, and Patrons did a very effective job of making our position known to the committee and the general public.
3. Currently the situation is status quo, and the best thing we can do at this point is to wait for a response from the committee.
4. The State Library is working on the next five year plan, and soliciting input from Directors, Trustees, and Patrons statewide.

Motion PASSED.

Fund Raising:

- Cotter will be putting a committee together to put together a fund raising plan.
- Adele read an announcement about grants from the Center for Non-Profits.

Tech Bits: Website content is most important. How to keep content current:

- Emails circulating among the board about current activities could be added to the website.
- Members of the board need to be responsible for gather local library information. Bruce will write an article on his local library craft fair and will interview three libraries.
- Adele will send out an email asking board members to contribute. Each director needs to commit to interview and then do a write up on two libraries by March 1. Start dialogues with library Trustees such that they might begin sending in their own articles.
- Identify local policies which can be shared.
- Develop RSS feed to publicize local library happenings.

OLD BUSINESS

1. LGC conference update, Loring emailed a “lessons learned” report to the board. Cotter suggested doing a raffle or some other hook to get business cards with contact information. We would then email them to send out our information. Adele suggested we try to be a presenter.
2. NHLTA awards; background and criteria. Encourage local libraries to contact local newspapers and state legislature members as well as the governor to issue proclamations honoring the award winning library.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Library visits: we have had a request from Rye library to go over the manual and to sit in on their meeting. Manchester has also contacted us for a visit
2. Moses requested a thank you to the restaurant that supplied the fish chowder. Adele will send the note.

ADJOURN MEETING at 11:55 to a Potluck lunch and Yankee gift swap.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Snelling

MOTIONS

Minutes
Treasurer’s report
State Library ILL on Website

ACTIONS

Board members interview local libraries for website
Thank you for the fish chowder