

Central Plains Library System
Virtual Meeting
January 12, 2024

President, Terri Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Secretary, Terri Eberly called the roll.
Present: Stephanie Branham, Jody Crocker, Sherrie Dux-Ideus, Terri Eberly, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Lisa Mount, Denise Harders and Christa Porter.
Absent: Sharon Bohling, Jamie Dennis, Jane Hilton, Kina Stefka, James Tidei.

Approval of the minutes: Janene Hill moved to approve the minutes with the noted spelling corrections. Lisa Mount seconded the motion. Spelling corrections of names: Sherrie for Sherri and Coffman for Kaufman. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Reports: Denise Harders reviewed the financial reports. Terri Eberly moved to approve the financial reports. Lisa Mount seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence: Denise shared thank you notes from the following:

Keri Anderson, Hoesch Memorial Library: Thank you for the scholarship to attend ARSL.
Maggie Berndt, Nebraska Public Media: Thank you for partnering on Book Club Sets
Carrie Graham, Valentine Public Library: Thank you for the CPLS Conference.
Dee Johnson, Central Community College: Thank you for your collaboration over the years as she gets set to retire on February 1, 2024.
Kay Kloppenborg: Thank you for the funeral wreath. Kay recently lost her husband, Wayne.
Anne Quigley, Valentine Public Library: Thank you for attending her retirement party.
Laurie Yocom & Staff, Wilson Public Library: Thank you for the CPLS Conference.

Director's Report: Highlights: 3772 die cut shapes provided and Book Club Kits are popular. Workshops included Bibliostat with Sam Shaw, Read Aloud Nebraska Workshop, Novice Cricut Users, and Low-Tech Makerspace Tools in Teen Programming. The office is currently getting ready for the Summer Reading Program workshops to be held in Lexington and Ravenna. Denise hired Nicole Ruzicka to work 5-10 hours per week as our accounting assistant. Nicole is also updating the CPLS Webpage.

Old Business:

CPLS Biennial Conference Report: sixty-three registered participants. Feedback from the participants included constructive and positive comments. In the future allow more time between sessions and omit the lightening round sessions during the lunchtime.

Deb's preschool projects: Very well received. The projects will run from September through April. Included craft and book recommendations.

Booklist Reader: There is a link on the CPLS webpage to access this magazine. Offers look at new books and a synopsis of the title.

New Business:

Summer Reading Workshops are scheduled for January 23, at Lexington Public Library, and on March 27, at Ravenna Public Library. Presenters are Jody Crocker, Sally Snyder, and a representative from the Forestry Department, Game and Parks.

Thursday Morning Meeting Format: 1st Thursday: Directors Only, 2nd Thursday all library staff, 3rd Thursday Learning meeting (1CE). 4th Thursday open in case there are scheduling conflicts.

Newly accredited Library in the system: Sargent Township Library

Upcoming workshops: Schedule of events January -April was provided. Denise will not be attending the PLA National Conference in Columbus, Ohio this year.

Other Business:

Christa Porter, Library Development Director presented the Library Commission Report. Highlights:

LSTA Appropriations: A continuing resolution funding federal agencies and programs was extended in mid-November to February 2. Congress must reach an agreement by that date to avoid a federal government shutdown.

Legislative Bills: LB 1092: "bill relating to civil liability; to adopt the Online Age Verification Liability Act." Those providing internet access would have to verify the computer user's age.

Public Library Accreditation for 2023: 37 of 42 libraries were accredited, 5 were given deadline extensions and one new library (Sargent Township Library) received accreditation status.

NLC Grants for 2024: Grant applications for 2024 closed on November 17. Recipients of the various grants will be notified within the next month and a press release will follow. CE/Training grants are awarded in the Fall and Spring.

E-Rate Funding Year 2023: See webpage for a list of recipients. Next funding year is now open.

E-rate Special Fiber Construction Program-NUSF 117: the PSC approved the Progression Order on JUSF-117: the program will be extended indefinitely beyond FY 2024 and fulling will be available to match 100% of Fiber Special Construction costs.

Big Talk from Small Libraries 2024: The conference will be held February 23, 2024. The schedule of events will be posted on the NLC website.

Library Commission Personnel News: Holly Woldt and Kay Goehring retired December 1. Shoshana Patocka took a job with Oregon State University and Kay Henzel resigned and accepted a position with Lancaster County. Andrew Sherman will replace Holly Woldt as Library Technology Support Specialist and the position will move into the Library Development Department. Currently accepting applications for job vacancies.

NCompass Live Schedule: Check the website for classes. NCompass was started 15 years ago. Recently they had a two-part session on getting to know NLC employees and what is offered by the commission.

Basic Skills 2024 Schedule: Class schedules are posted on the NLC website.

Lisa Mount recently attended NLA meeting. They are considering going back to hosting annual conference and possibly working in conjunction with MPLA.

Next meeting will be Friday, April 12th, with the place to be announced. Bring ideas for hosting the CPLS Annual meeting to be held in July 2024.

There being no further business. Terri Eberly motioned to adjourn at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Eberly, Secretary