

**Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting
November 5, 2010 10:00 a.m.
Mary Lanning Hospital Library, Hastings**

PRESENT: Tony Anderson, Vicki Casper, Jane Hilton, Mo Khamouna, Vicki Perrie, Sky Seery, Nancy Sherwood, Dana Wade and Claudette Wielechowski.

ABSENT: Beth Falla, Mary Nelson and Sylvia Person.

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry Houston (System Director), Denise Harders (future System Director), Steve Batty (NLC Commissioner), Richard Miller (NLC Representative), Ella Rathod (Librarian, Mary Lanning Hospital Library), and Judy Grandstaff (Blue Hill Library).

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION/ROLL CALL: President Vicki Casper called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Vicki noted an additional item to be added to the agenda under “old business”, #3 – Online meeting in March. Roll call was taken and introductions were made. Vicki thanked Sherry Houston for her many years of service and dedication to all libraries in the Republican Valley Library System. This was followed by a standing ovation!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Sept. 10, 2010): It was noted that the minutes should read the kick-off celebration for the BTOP Grants will be held at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln. Minutes were approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Sherry handed out the 2009-2010 Financial Statements from the auditors. She also noted the new RVLS car does not show up on the latest budget report because it is a capital out-lay. We are on track with our budget spending.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you notes were read from Sky Seery, Nancy Sherwood, Susan Franklin, and Christine Walsh.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: (A detailed copy of the administrator’s report is in each board member’s packet.) Sherry will be at the BTOP meeting next week in Lincoln. Tomorrow (Sat.) she will attend a Celebration of Nebraska Books at the Nebraska History Museum in Lincoln.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Car: A 2010 Ford Edge was purchased for the RVLS director’s use. We were allowed \$14,325.00 for the trade-in, so the cost for the vehicle was \$12,692.00.

Workshops & Grants: 57 librarians attended the “Boys & Books” workshops in Aurora and Paxton. Sherry attended the National Book Festival in DC. There was a very good attendance for the “Black Belt Librarian” workshop. Grants in progress are 1) “Cowboy Peg” a youth grant for developing character to be held in McCook; 2) two hand-held E-Readers for RVLS; 3) “Branding Your Library” a marketing grant to be held in North Platte and Grand Island.

Online Meeting in March: Options for this meeting include Skype, Go To Meeting, PC Conferencing, and Google Documents. After much discussion and a “this-can-only-happen-at-a-library” story by Judy Grandstaff, we are leaning toward using Skype, but it will be discussed again at our January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tech Plan: A copy of the update Technology Plan was in each board member’s packet. A copy of the approval from NLC dated 10/29/2010 was given to all in attendance. Nancy thanked Sherry for getting this together so quickly and on to NLC. Tony Anderson made a motion to approve the Tech Plan. Dana Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Summer Reading Program: The “Make & Take” workshop will be held in Elwood. Discussion was held about the presenter and optional programming.

Annual Meeting: Suggestions were made for possible locations. Board members should be thinking of other “fun” options.

NLC COMMISSIONER REPORT (Steve Batty): Sherry Crow was recently appointed as a new commissioner. Steve saw a demo of the new NLC website and is very enthusiastic about it! JoAnn McManus is the project & program coordinator for the BTOP Grant. LIG grants are available for children doing book reports or promoting books. Nebraska OverDrive is very popular! Pioneer Project is going to be a huge change for NE libraries. Steve has published a memoir of his uncle.

NLC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (Richard Miller): (A detailed copy of NLC Report to Systems was distributed). Richard highlighted several topics including: ALTAFF online courses run approx. 1-1 ½ hours. Two are available at this time, the others should be available soon. Anyone wishing to make comments about Public Library Accreditation Guidelines has until Oct. 31, 2010. Continuing Education and Training Grant application process began Nov. 3rd. Library Improvement Grant applications must be submitted by Jan. 7, 2011.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 7, 2011 at Franklin Public Library

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Nancy Sherwood
Recording Secretary

A tour of the Mary Lanning Hospital Library was given by Ella Rathod. The group then proceeded to the Landmark Center for a delicious lunch provided by Kay Kloppenborg and Sherry Houston. Vicki Casper presented Sherry with gifts from the RVLS board members, followed by many nice compliments to Sherry from those present. Denise Harders husband, Vaughn, also joined us for lunch.