

**Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting
September 10, 2010 10:00 a.m.
Auld Public Library, Red Cloud**

PRESENT: Tony Anderson, Vicki Casper, Beth Falla, Jane Hilton, Mo Khamouna, Mary Nelson, Vicki Perrie, Sylvia Person, Sky Seery, Nancy Sherwood, Dana Wade.
ABSENT: Claudette Wielechowski.

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry Houston (System Director), Denise Harders (future System Director), and Laura Johnson (Nebraska Library Commission Representative).

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL: President-Elect Vicki Casper called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Roll call was taken and introductions were made.

[Out of order agenda item]

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Tony Anderson made a motion to elect Vicki Casper President, Dana Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sylvia Person made a motion to elect Nancy Sherwood Secretary, Tony Anderson seconded. Motion carried. (Nancy would like everyone to know, she is not as creative at writing the minutes as her predecessor was, and she apologizes for her boring minutes.) Mo Khamouna made a motion for himself to be Vice President. Mary Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 4, 2010): A motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2010 meeting was made by Dana Wade, Vicki Perrie seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: We have expended 15% of our budget to date. We have one \$15,000.00 Certificate of Deposit that is due to be renewed. Vicki Perrie suggested we renew it for 6 months at Great Western Bank.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you notes were read from Suzann Christensen, 2 scholarship winners, and the John Stahl Library for using a book kit.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: (A detailed copy of the administrator's report is in each board member's packet.) It was a pleasure to have Denise Harders, our newly hired system administrator, in attendance. Sherry reported there are new directors at Palisade Public Library and North Platte Community College. A correction needs to be made to Sherry's contract (copies in our packets) – the contractual period should end on November 30, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS:

BTOP Grants: Laura Johnson (NLC rep) didn't arrive until later in the meeting so Sherry went ahead and expressed her enthusiasm for so many RVLS libraries (31) applying and qualifying for the BTOP grant. A "kick-off" celebration is being planned for November 9 & 10, at Embassy Suites in Omaha.

Workshops: Sherry reported on 3 workshops that she & other system administrator's have applied for grants: Character building w/ a Wyoming storyteller; "Branding" your library; and one on E-readers. She also mentioned a webinar on E-readers to be held Sept. 29th from 9 to 5, sponsored by Library Journal. Cost is \$30. The next Basic Skills class will be on Library Administration, and it will be the last "in person" class.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit: Sherry reported the auditor was there on Wednesday, Sept. 8 and had a favorable report. He did caution RVLS that they have to pay sales tax when making purchases online.

RVLS Automobile: After much discussion, Mary Nelson made a motion to let Sherry and Denise make a decision about what type of vehicle to purchase and to approach the NLC to see if any funds are available from them. Dana Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NLC COMMISSIONER REPORT (Steve Batty): No report, not present.

NLC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (Laura Johnson): The open source, cataloging system, (aka Pioneer Project) is still being tested in several Nebraska libraries, it is not clear when this will be available across the state. (A detailed copy of NLC Report to Systems was distributed and covers many topics).

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Nancy Sherwood
Recording Secretary

Nancy Sherwood served a delicious salad luncheon following the meeting. Thank you very much, Nancy. (Sherry's Note)