

Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting – Annual Meeting

June 6, 2014 9:30 am

McCook City Library

McCook, NE

PRESENT: Jody Crocker, Dixie Codner, Annette Eisenhart, Beth Falla, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Vicki Perrie, Sky Seery, Dana Wade, Mo Khamouna.

ABSENT: Jane Hilton, Robyn Johnston.

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Harders (Systems Administrator), Kay Kloppenborg (RVLS Admin-Assistant), Rod Wagner (NLC Director) Peggy Lipker (Superior), Tina Walker (MPCC), Sherry Houston, Sharon Bohling, Lisa Fortkamp (Imperial).

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Jody Crocker called the meeting to order at 9:47am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (3.7.14) Dana Wade moved to accept the minutes, Pat Hughes seconded. The minutes were accepted as read.

FINANCIAL REPORT: We're almost through the year – at 89% of budget used. Training Ed and Supplies is over due to Summer Reading Workshop. It's worked out, but it's due to the meal costs of SRW, the income doesn't reflect that balance. By the end of June \$1,800 will be left. Annette Eisenhart moved, Mo Khamouna seconded to approve. The financial report was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Jolene Heuertz from Silver Lake School in Roseland sent a thank you email about School Library Day hosted by Eastern Library System, which Denise recommended for her. Also received a note from NPCC, for the Week of Weeding Kindle, which they love.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Swinging into the new accreditation cycle, Denise has been attending a lot of meetings and hosting Workshop on Demand. *Dewey or Don't We?* was a fun workshop to hold at NP. Also attended Business After Hours in Hastings Public Library for fundraising.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nebraska Regional Library Systems Reorganization – The announcement was in the latest issue of the RVLS Valley Talk. Denise handed out a Q & A sheet regarding the Regional Library Systems Re-Configuration. Meetings will start in July with 3 representatives to work with 3 from Meridian. Scott Childers is working on finding a lawyer familiar with 501C3's. At some point an interim board will be created, and then it will go from there. January 1, 2015 is the date for the new reconfiguration. Sharon Bohling read a letter she had prepared, to take away, "If it's not broken, don't fix it." Denise stated that while the lines are drawn, she's hoping for a more State-Wide approach – it's no longer about this area or that area. If you are close to a meeting in a different system, join them. The key is accommodation; it's going to be a huge work in progress.

NLC Office Technology/CE Grant - The money is still in the bank, in limbo due to the reorganization. Rather than spend the entire \$1,200 on technology Denise proposed to cut it in half. Spend \$600 on a laptop and \$600 for the NLA Annual Conference in South Sioux City. Mo Khamouna made a motion to split the money, Dixie Codner seconded. The motion was approved.

2014 Board Meeting Schedule –

September 5, 2014 – Jensen Memorial Library, Minden

November 7, 2014 – Teleconference (Tentative)

NEW BUSINESS:

6 Month Budget – Not as easy as it seems. A lot of bills are paid yearly, like car insurance. Subscriptions are good until 3.15.15. One budget change, the copier fees have been more than anticipated, the copy machine budget was only slightly cut. For 6 months several items will no longer be purchased (still circulated, not purchased), see Books on CD. Dana Wade moved to accept the budget as prepared (6 months). Vickie Perrie seconded. The motion carried.

Employment Contracts – The PTO accrual went up, compensation remains the same for Denise. Kay's compensation went up 2%, her benefits and PTO stay the same. Mo Khamouna made a motion to approve the contracts. Annette Eisenhart seconded. The motion passed.

RVLS Savings – CD is at \$15,573. Denise would like to use this to benefit the RVLS libraries in the next six months. RVLS Small Grants – which RVLS libraries (of any type) can apply. NLA grant would be approx. \$400.00 (small fuel, registration, hotel). Golden Sower Grants is another possibility. No grant would be more than \$400. It would be a way for everyone to have a piece of this. Stipulation suggested by Denise, price justification, technology not eligible, each RVLS institution is limited to one grant. Advertise on 8.1.14, applications accepted after 9.1.14. First come, first serve, based on postmark. It was suggested to put the names in a hat and draw instead of based on postmark. Vickie questioned we are spending it, Denise said that anything over \$600 (after the reconfiguration) will go back to the Commission. Use it or lose it. Consensus among the group was to spend it in RVLS. Pat Hughes made a motion to cash-in the CD to be used for Small Grants of \$400 for RVLS libraries. Dana Wade seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Systems Transition to Regions – Pls. see above for previous conversations. Meridian and RVLS merging, Eastern and Southeast are merging as well. Our merger is more complicated.

NLC COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Steve was in CO {sitting by the lake with his dog! Lucky duck!} – no report. ← *Please note this is typical this time of year.* ☺

NLC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: John Felton is retiring on 6.27.14. Partnership w/NEST 529, scholarships for completing the summer reading program – 5 from each congressional district. The student received \$529 and library \$250. (See web page) McCook received an internship grant, in all \$32,000 were awarded for internships around the state. The Laura Bush 21st Century Grant is nearing the end. It has paid out a large amount of money towards scholarships, internships, etc. Overdrive is approaching 150 state members. There is \$150,000 available this coming year for ebooks and audiobooks. It is expected that the same amount or more will be available in the future years. Jan of 2015 will have a new Governor and 17 state Senators. Included in the group are new members of the appropriation committee. June 10th an important vote for Senators to vote for technology, specifically LSTA Funding. Hopefully he is very mindful of the libraries and shows his support in his vote. Thanks to those libraries going through or have gone through the accreditation process.

Jody Crocker adjourned the meeting at 10:57 with a short break before the start of the last ever RVLS Annual Meeting. {Special thanks to Jody and her staff for hosting annual meeting this year. Their newly renovated library is absolutely beautiful!}

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 5, 2014 at Jensen Memorial Library in Minden, NE.