

**Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting**

**March 2, 2012 10:00 am**

**Landmark Center**

**Hastings NE**

**PRESENT:** Tony Anderson, Jody Crocker, Jane Hilton, Mo Khamouna, Vicki Perrie, Sky Seery, Dana Wade, Claudette Wielechowski,

**ABSENT:** Fe Cogley, Vicki Casper, Beth Falla

**ALSO PRESENT:** Denise Harders (Systems Administrator), Richard Miller (NLC Rep), Steve Batty (NLC Commissioner), Darlene Brumbaugh (Glenvil Public Library)

**Agenda**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mo Khamouna called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. (Introductions were performed a bit later.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (1.6.12) Correction – Page 2, New Business, Public Library Association Conference: the word "deets" should be "details". Vicki Perrie moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Tony Anderson seconded.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The checking account transactions were broken down to be very specific. Very helpful...thanks! Budget is on track, with 66% of the year completed and 68% of the budget spent. Denise reported that the E-Rate 2010 was received this week. Claudette Wielechowski made a motion to accept the financial reports, Dana Wade seconded.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mary Nelson sent a note regarding her gift that was purchased as a thank you for her time serving on the board. Vicki Perrie, Krista Schaffer, Michelle McKay-Bowles, and Sky Seery sent notes to Denise thanking her for meeting with them for their Foundations of Library and Info class. Sky Seery thanked Denise for writing a recommendation. Jane Hilton sent a note of thanks for the scholarship.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Denise is crazy busy! {That means she's super busy, not crazy.} There have been a lot of library visits, meetings, workshops and webinars. Disc cleaning numbers are in. 384 have been cleaned with 222 discs cleaned since 1.2.12. Income total is \$68.05 thus far. Puppet order went in, 4 new dies for the Ellison Machine have been ordered as well. The System is preparing an Automation list for the libraries. There were 49 responses with positive results for the Services survey. Denise will submit the report to Kathryn Brockmeier for the 5 year-end report.

The RVLS office will be closed the afternoon of April 6<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) and all day on April 27<sup>th</sup> (Arbor Day) and May 28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Annual Meeting** – June 1, 2012 @ Dancing Leaf Earth Lodge, Wellfleet, NE. Registration is due by May 23, 2012. Lunch will be a buffalo stew {:/}, blue corn muffin and fruit/veggie trays. Casual attire/walking shoes are heavily suggested. All member libraries are welcome!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RVLS Board Nominations** – Due May 1, voted on at the Annual Meeting. There are 3 slots to fill due to board departure, and term limits. Mo and Dana will be on the ballot again, if desired as their first terms are up. There are a couple of people who have expressed interest.

**Benefits for Administrative Assistant** – Changes were made so that the Benefit Payment in the amount of the 15% of the gross pay will be awarded monthly as opposed to quarterly. Tony moved that the change be accepted. Vickie Perrie seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Periodicals Jobber – Popular Subscription Service** – Periodicals Jobber submitted the quote to manage the subscriptions and RVLS will save \$11.00 and their sanity. Sounds like a win-win situation.

#### **NLC COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

Steve brought a price list back from a conference for anti-virus software. He also shared about book repair machine. Attended NCompass Live on 2.15.12, Turning Your Library Around and had great reviews for it and highly recommends it. Steve purchased 6 Flip Cams through TechSoup and gave a short demo.

#### **NLC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

**Nebraska Learns 2.0** has moved to <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nelearns>. Don't forget to check out the **NCompass Live** programs or watch when you have time via the Archives. Contact Christa Burns at the Commission if you are interested in hosting a presentation. **Basic Skills** are off and running, all are taught online using Moodle. See Commission website for more info. The Commission has 37 copies of *"I Am A Man": Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice* by Joe Starita for book clubs, etc. **2012 Nebraska Book Festival** is March 31 at 2 venues in Lincoln. See, <http://bookfestival.nebraska.gov> for more info. **Big Talk from Small Libraries** had a fabulous turnout with 444 attendees. All sessions will be processed and available in the archives. **Academic Freedom Video Contest** deadline is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are plenty of **grant opportunities** out there, see the NLC Blog for the full details. **SOPA and PIPA**, oh they are bad, bad news. Sure it's been postponed for the time being but libraries need to be aware of what it is and why it's concerning. See the recording of the NCompass Live session about this important issue. There are **47 webinars** (free, mind you!) in March. Take advantage of them! <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/CE/webinars.aspx>

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 with Jane Hilton making a motion to adjourn and Vickie Perrie seconding. The group then had a delicious lunch at Hunan's.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Annual Meeting – June 1<sup>st</sup> at Dancing Leaf Earth Lodge in Wellfleet.