

Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting

June 1, 2012 9:30 am

Dancing Leaf Lodge

Wellfleet, NE

PRESENT: Jody Crocker, Mo Khamouna, Vicki Perrie, Dana Wade, Claudette Wielechowski, Tony Anderson,

ABSENT: Vicki Casper, Beth Falla, Jane Hilton, Sky Seery

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Harders (Systems Administrator), Rod Wagner (NLC Rep), and
Kay Kloppenborg (Administrative Assistant)

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mo Khamouna called the meeting to order at 9:55 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 2, board meeting were reviewed. Dana Wade moved to accept the minutes as presented and Claudette Wielechowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial report was reviewed and Denise discussed how it impacted some changes she had made to the Preliminary Budget.

CORRESPONDENCE: Denise read correspondence which included two notes of thanks from Richard Miller for RVLS hospitality on two separate occasions, a thank you from Jackie Davis for a Scholarship and a thank you from Claudette Wielechowski for the Kindle which she won in the Week of Weeding drawing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Denise presented the director's report with the PTO accumulation and usage included for both Denise and Kay, as requested, at the last board meeting. Denise's PTO time will be adjusted for the past year according to the Personnel Policy and Kay will use enough of her accumulated PTO time so that her accumulation total is in compliance with the Personnel Policy by June 1, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Nominations:** There were seven nominations for the board on the ballots. At the time the ballots were printed, there were 5 vacancies on the board. The positions needing to be filled were Tony Anderson's and Vicki Casper's, each had each served two consecutive terms. Dana Wade's and Mo Khamouna's whose first t resigned during the last week of May so the general membership will need to elect 6 board members at the annual meeting.
- **Periodicals Jobber – Popular Subscriptions Service:** Denise reported that the conversion to the Periodical Jobber was progressing. There had been some duplication of issues, but the jobber was making adjustments. She said the budget may be a little skewed since all of the yearly renewals had to be paid in March this fiscal year compared to prior years when a portion of them coming due after the fiscal year ending in June.
- **RVLS Policies:** The policies, as updated by the Executive Committee, were distributed and reviewed by board members. Vicki Perrie moved to accept the revised policies, Claudette 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Members were asked to note the revised date on their copies and insert them in their board books. The new members to the board will get books with the newly approved policies in them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **LibraryThing Online Catalog** – Denise unveiled the new online catalog for the RVLS office. Each board member was given a card with the address on it and the address will be on our web page and promoted in upcoming newsletters.
- **Budget:** The Preliminary Budget was reviewed and Denise explained the changes she had made to budget line items and the reasons for the changes. The Preliminary Budget will be voted on during the Annual Meeting to follow this meeting.

NLC LIBRARY COMMISSIONER REPORT: No Report--- Steve Batty was not present.

NLC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: By Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission. (Rod has been named President Elect to ALTAFF, a division of American Library Association.)

- The 2012 Conference of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries will be Sept. 27-29 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Rod highly recommended this conference and said there are 3 scholarships available.
- The Tech Rodeo will be held July 26-28 at Doane College in Crete.
- ALTAFF Trustee training is available as 5 hour-long Webinars, at no charge to library staffers and trustees thru the end of the year. (ALTAFF will change its name on Sept. 4th to **United for Libraries: the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations**.)
- Grants are available for small community libraries from the Kreutz Bennett Donner-Advised Fund. Applications are due by Oct. 1, 2012.
- BTOP project – Ninety Nebraska Libraries have participated in and held open houses in connection with the BTOP project.
- Book Club Titles continue to be very popular. Book Club kits are available thru local System Offices and thru the Nebraska Library Commission.
- The NE Library Commission is proud to announce that their Talking Book and Braille Service is now totally converted to Digital. The conversion began in 2003. The conversion went faster than expected.
- Rod reported that the Nebraska Legislature did not approve the extra funding for the NE Library Commission as requested. But the good news is the base funding for the Systems will remain level, and the biennial funding is coming up, and they will request an increase. Some technology improvement funds have become available and Denise will be getting a new computer for the RVLS office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 7, 2012, at North Platte Public Library

Kay Kloppenborg, Administrative Assistant