

North Country Public Library Directors Organization
Minutes
28 June 2007
Alexandria Bay, New York

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Wheeler at 10:40 a.m.

Attendance: Dennis Eickhoff, Colton, Trudy Gagnon, Clayton, Linda Voorhees, Cape Vicent, Charlotte Garofalo, Gouverneur, Linda McCullough, Cathage, Ceil Cunningham, Alexandria Bay, Sandra Lamb, Black River, Lyn Swafford, Canton, Cheryl Shutts, Henderson, Pat Musante, Potsdam, Penny Kerfien, Fulton, Stella Todd, Heuvelton, Regan DeFranza, NCLS, Steve Bolton, NCLS, Marcia Gray, NCLS, Barbara Wheeler, Watertown, Joan Kampnich, Croghan.

Minutes of the 26 April 2007 meeting were approved by a motion of Stella Todd, seconded by Ceil Cunningham, carried.

A discussion was on PLS [Public Library Section] of NYLA .The contact person is Carol Clingan. Barbara Wheeler reported on “running the small library” table talk. Wondered if it would be possible to get Ms. Clingan to come to the annual meeting on September 29th.

A discussion was held concerning the letter written by Luther Root that appeared in the Farm and Garden section of the Watertown Daily Times. A response to that letter appeared in the June 21st issue of the time.

Discussion was held on the possibility of obtaining a CD/DVD repair machine in the system that libraries could use. RTI makes such a machine. Lyn Swafford reported that there was one out there for about \$2,950. Discussion continued concerning whether or not the central libraries could be the home for such a machine. David Franz, Barbara Wheeler and Steve Bolton would need to meet on this.

Discussion was held concerning reducing the number of different loan periods each library has. Marcia Gray explained the general rules of the automated system. The discussion continued with the length of time materials are out 2 weeks versus 4 weeks. Two models available.

A survey taken found that books would be 28 days and 14 days for books, all other items, 2 weeks. Questions were asked about DVD's.

Discussion again returned to models for the libraries. A type A library and a type B library. Lending rules on DVD's and Audio Visual were discussed. It was suggested that NCLS' outreach send out more videos.

Information was received on an auto repair reference center.

A search committee has been formed for the purpose of finding officers for the coming year. The committee consists of Pat Musante, Lyn Swafford, and Joan Kampnich.

The committee presents the following slate for the coming year: President, Lyn Swafford, Vice-President, Joan Kampnich, Secretary, Linda Voohrees and Barbara Wheeler as liaison to the NCLS board.

Liaison Report: Nothing to report.

NCLS Updates- Steve Bolton

Construction Grant applications are due at NCLS by August 15th to allow time for the applications to be gone over before they are sent on to Albany.

A new consultant by the name of Joan Pellikka has been hired and will begin work on July 30th.

Update on Education Law #259 which passed both Houses and sent to the Governor for his signature. The law would only allow library boards to place ballots for a school district vote.

Sue Charley is to retire. Her last day is July 20th.

Incentive Grants are being finalized with checks to be mailed mid-August.

Discussion was held concerning the standardizing of user name and password to access databases. Changes to be made on the front end of the catalog. There would be a universal place to go for library information, directory and map. A discussion was also held on modifying cards.

Questions were asked about the Gates Foundation Grant and the amounts listed for prices of computers. Jerry is still waiting for information on this.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September, 29, 2007 at Jefferson Community College, Watertown.

Motion to adjourn by Lyn Swafford, seconded by Stella Todd at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Dennis Eickhoff, Secretary

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