

UCLA Meeting

Oct 23, 2018

Marlboro Free Library

Members present: M. Menard (Kingston); C. Jennerich (Marlboro); J. Kelsall-Dempsey (Highland); B. Dittmar (Esopus); J. Georgiou (Plattekill); K. Campbell (Hurley); L. Skelly (Milton);

Meeting called to order by M. Menard 10:03 am

Motion to approve minutes of September Annual Meeting by M. Menard second B. Dittmar. Motion carried.

New Executive Director of MHLS Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich guest speaker. Would like to know our hopes and goals for our libraries and the County. During her first 100 days R. Smith-Aldrich wants to make sure the MHLS Plan of Service is still meeting the needs of member libraries. Where do we want to be in 5 years? What do we want our communities saying about our library? Much discussion ensued as we went around the table.

Upcoming at the Nov DA meeting- ILS white paper with findings and recommendation from the committee. Between Nov 15 and Dec 15 County should review and send any concerns or questions to Laurie. By Feb 2019 a decision must be made.

Rick Flynn of Rivertides reached out to MHLS. He would like to partner with libraries to mediate discussions in their communities. Ran a program recently in Gardiner. M. Menard mentioned Better Angles is another group working state wide.

MHLS is offering 3 HR Law webinars in Jan, Feb and March of 2019. Registration can be done on MHLS calendar.

Next meeting Nov 20 at Esopus 10:00 am

Meeting adjourned 11:50 am

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kelsall-Dempsey, secretary pro-temp