

Ulster County Library Association  
Minutes of Meeting– June 17, 2015  
Saugerties Public Library

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Lynne Ridgeway (MHLS Board of Trustees, Plattekill Library Board)

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Julie Dempsey (Highland), Lois Skelly (Milton), Frank Rees (Saugerties), Jessica Kerr (Woodstock), Katie Scott-Childress (Olive), Brook Dittmar (Esopus), Tracy Priest (Ulster), Margie Menard (Kingston), Jody Ford (Stone Ridge), James Cosgrove (Marlboro), John Georghiou (Plattekill).

GUESTS PRESENT: Mary Antzak (Staff, Plattekill Library)

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Association President Julie Dempsey at 10 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Georghiou moved and Menard seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted to approve the acceptance of the minutes of the April 21 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Rees distributed copies of the report. Scott-Childress moved and Ridgeway seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted to approve the report.

Nomination Committee: Ridgeway agreed to run again as the Officer at Large on the UCLA Board.

Annual Meeting Committee: Possible locations for the meeting in September were discussed including Cucina in Woodstock and The Chateau in Kingston. Tracy Priest mentioned Max Kenner of the Bard Prison Initiative as a possible speaker at the event.

Ulster County Fair: Volunteers to work at the fair on behalf of Ulster libraries were urged to contact Kara Lustiber, Director of the West Hurley Library.

Mobile App update: Members were reminded to send Capira Technologies a list of app testers.

New business: Cosgrove reported with regret that the MHLS DA failed to pass the offer of conference reimbursement since there was a surplus in the travel incentive fund. He moved that the UCLA reintroduce the issue at a subsequent MHLS DA meeting to see if opinions have changed on the matter over time. The motion was seconded by Menard and passed unanimously.

(Dittmar departed meeting at 11:10 a.m.)

Georghiou distributed multiple copies of a brochure listing County libraries that open children's programming to people outside of their service area but within the County. The brochure was created for distribution to the public at the YWCA preschool expo held on the Academy Green in Kingston.

Cosgrove announced that Menard and Dempsey would be holding a Database Committee meeting in the near future to review the list of products that the UCLA will ask the County Government to subsidize as part of the InfoPortal for 2016.

There was a general discussion and explanation about ebook purchasing for libraries in MHLS concerning when, which libraries, and how much money libraries spent on these purchases. Directors were reminded to have their boards respond to the letter and spread sheet the Ebook Committee sent out showing patron use of ebooks by library so that libraries contribute toward ebook purchases proportional to use. [Statistics are available on the UCLA website.]

Directors shared their recent experiences with weeding their collections as part of participating in the MHLS "Increasing Circulation Initiative." It was suggested that the MHLS web page held policy information concerning discarding items. Ford related that Stone Ridge contracted with the Ulster County Resource Recovery agency in discarding books after their annual book fair. Cosgrove reported that Marlboro delivered books to ReCommunity Beacon for recycling.

Dempsey reported that she had conversations with staff at Ulster County Personnel indicating that civil service would need to offer a test for Library Director I and other positions as soon as possible as there are vacancies that need to be filled according to their own regulations.

Menard made a motion to adjourn seconded by Childress and approved at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James Cosgrove for Secretary Kara Lustiber

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**Treasurer's Report**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Transaction Description</b>  | <b>Deposit</b> | <b>Withdrawal</b>             | <b>Balance</b>    |
|-------------|---|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 4/1/15      | Beginning Balance   |                |                               | <b>\$3,599.94</b> |
| 4/6/15      | Deposit: EAP<br>Reimbursement: Olive,<br>Highland                                 | \$458.00       |                               | \$4,057.94        |
| 4/13/15     | Check #1044: West<br>Hurley reimbursement<br>for website hosting                  |                | \$41.94                       | \$4,016.00        |
| 4/17/15     | Deposit: EAP<br>Reimbursement:<br>Saugerties, Plattekill                          | \$704.61       |                               | \$4,720.61        |
| 4/22/15     | Deposit: EAP<br>Reimbursement:<br>Kingston  | \$581.31       |                               | \$5,301.92        |
| 4/24/15     | Deposit: EAP<br>Reimbursement West<br>Hurley                                      | \$140.92       |                               | \$5,442.84        |
| 6/11/15     | Check # 1046: Olive<br>Library Reimbursement<br>for Ulster Story Time<br>Brochure |                | <del>\$90.00</del><br>\$90.00 | <b>\$5,352.84</b> |

Submitted by UCLA Treasurer Frank Rees, Director of Saugerties Public Library.