

ULSTER COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

April 12, 2011

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Lynne Ridgeway (Plattekill)

DIRECTORS PRESENT: John Giralico (Elting/New Paltz), Kelly L. Tomaseski (Esopus), Nell Boucher (Gardiner), James Cosgrove (Marlboro), Tracy Priest (Phoenicia), John Georghiou (Plattekill), Faith Johnson (Ulster), Kara Lustiber (West Hurley)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Ulster County Library Association was called to order by James Cosgrove at 10:13am at the Elting/New Paltz Library.

II. DISCUSSION

John Georghiou suggested member libraries posting UCLA meetings on their individual websites in an attempt to improve trustee attendance as well as get more visibility for the organization.

MOTION

Faith Johnson made a motion seconded by Lynne Ridgeway

TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17TH MEETING AS PREPARED BY KELLY TOMASESKI

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 (John Georghiou)

James Cosgrove asks for volunteers to attend the Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee meetings scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at 5pm. The meetings are held on the 6th floor of the County Building, located in Kingston.

Sukrit Goswami will begin as the new Director of the Saugerties Library at the end of April.

James Cosgrove presents the Treasurer's report (see attached).

MOTION

Kelly Tomaseski made a motion seconded by John Giralico

TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PREPARED BY MARGIE MENARD

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Selection/Acquisition Committee: (*James Cosgrove, Julie Dempsey, Faith Johnson, Margie Menard, Pam Stocking*) The organization will need to decide to subscribe to either Tutor.com or Universal Classroom. Another free trial of Tutor.com has been set-up (see attachment). An extended conversation will be held at the May meeting.

Kara Lustiber arrives at 10:30am

Cassandra Beam, Ulster Literacy Association CEO arrives at 10:38am. Ms. Beam reported that many other county literacy associations have moved their offices to libraries in order to deal with the recession. She understands this is hard, but would like each library to offer tutor training if possible. The ULA offers five different training sessions per year. Ms. Beam also asked that member libraries include ULA news in their individual newsletters. The Literacy Center was opened two years ago with funding from the Deising Foundation. It is currently opened three nights a week. Cassandra would like to expand the program to libraries—programs with and without walls. She also spoke about the Scrabble tournaments ULA hosts. In closing, Ms. Beam asked libraries to look at concrete ways they could embrace and collaborate with the Ulster Literacy Association. Cassandra Beam can be reached at casandra@ulsterliteracy.org. See attached fliers.

Kelly Tomaseski suggests that the Ulster Directors provide refreshments for the next MHLS Directors' Association meeting. She will e-mail a reminder prior to the meeting.

Annual Meeting: (*Faith Johnson, Kelly Tomaseski*) The dinner will be held either September 12th or 19th. Speaker recommendations are now being accepted.

James Cosgrove presented the legislative update. The February meeting was snowed out and the March meeting is on a different date than originally scheduled—Thursday, March 3rd at 5pm. Jim asked that libraries will legislators represented on the committee plan to attend at least one meeting this year. Directors should also encourage Friends, Trustees, and patrons to attend.

Public Relations: (*Faith Johnson, Jody Ford, John Giralico, Ken Goldberg*) This committee has not met recently. James Cosgrove is working on a press release that will detail how member libraries are raising funds for the Ulster Literacy Association in conjunction with National Library Week. The article will also talk about the Executive's Healthy Ulster program, the Summer Reading Program, the discontinued subscription to the Historical NY Times, and provide an update about the Phoenicia Library.

Website: (*Kara Lustiber*) Kara will call meeting to discuss meeting dates, bylaws, library news and access.

Grants: (James Cosgrove, Tracy Priest, Jody Ford) James Cosgrove reported that the committee is looking at the Community Foundation of Ulster County capacity building grant. This is a \$3,000 grant and the deadline is this spring.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Michael Hein, County Executive gave the UCLA a \$500 gift. Kelly Tomaseski suggests that these monies go directly to the Phoenicia Library. A UCLA Facebook page could be created. For each positive library comment the association will donate \$1 to the Phoenicia Library. This will provide us with positive insight as well as free advertising. Kelly Tomaseski and Faith Johnson will work on creating the Facebook page.

MOTION

James Cosgrove made a motion seconded by John Giralico

TO DONATE THE \$500 DIRECTLY TO THE PHOENICIA LIBRARY

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

James Cosgrove will prepare a separate press release for this donation.

May 8-15 is Healthy Ulster. Libraries are encouraged to have book displays, speakers, etc. and let the county know. For more information, visit www.ulstercountyny.gov.

A summary of the twenty focus groups held in conjunction with the updated MHLS Plan of Service, can be found at: <http://midhudson.org/resource/millennium/da/documents/currentpacket>. The focus groups represent the first phase in the development of the system's new plan of service.

Tracy Priest reported that the Phoenicia Library is now in its temporary location. They are slowly getting items that survived back from ILL. She is starting to catalog but at this time, it is a lending library based on an honor system. The building appears to be salvageable. They are continuing to offer programs. The community is very supportive with volunteers and donations. They already have several fund raisers planned for the coming months.

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Ulster County Library Association will be Thursday, June 16th at 5pm at the Saugerties Library. The next Director's meeting will be Wednesday, March 11th at 5pm at the Ulster Library.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

John Giralico made a motion seconded by Faith Johnson

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 12:10PM

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly L. Tomaseski