

Vermont Library Association Board Meeting

May 4, 2010, 10:00-1:00

Eliot Pratt Library

Goddard College

Present: John Payne, Grace Greene, Kip Roberson, Wynne Browne, Charlotte Gerstein, Sharon Thayer, Judah Hamer, Nancy Wilson, Lucinda Walker, Jessamyn West, Helen Linda

1. Approval of minutes
2. Sharon Thayer--Membership update. As of May 3, we have 299 members. 36 are new members.
3. Wynne Browne--Budget Report- Wynne had nothing to discuss. Income and expenses are as expected.
4. Lucinda reported on the event she put on "Librarian as Social Worker." She reported that the Department of Children and Families is moving to online forms as of July 1. The impact on libraries was discussed, especially the limitations of libraries to meet the need (hours, personnel, privacy, phone access). DCF and other agencies assuming adequate support for online format at libraries may be unaware of what many smaller Vt. libraries are like. The information provided with state unemployment forms suggests people go to a public library for access. Marti Reid has met with DCF. AHS has offered an opportunity for libraries to be partners.
5. Helen reported on the library substitute pool. It is ready and will be going live within a week or so. She will be asking us to start providing information to get the system started.
6. VL Conference has 287 registrants, 300 is limit. St. Michael's staff is volunteering. VLA sections can do round tables at lunch, those are still getting added. The business meeting at end was discussed. Section presidents need to send highlights to report to John, as well as membership and treasurer reports. If board members want to help, introducing speakers is still a need.
7. John brought up the issue of revising by-laws. The bylaws change about ALA and NELA reps and committee chairs voting at board meetings will be proposed at VLC, could be voted on next year. However, Brenda Ellis carried out voting online in the past, so that is an option and she could help.

8. There is supposed to be a committee for nominations and elections. We discussed whether to form such a committee, or whether the board could serve that function. We agreed we'd serve that function. It will continue to be the responsibility of the VP to locate willing officers.

These individuals are interested in positions:

Joe Ferrara, Johnson State College, Vice President

Cindy Webber, Williston, chair of membership committee

Ruby Simon, Colchester, chair of personnel committee

We approved these nominees.

9. John noticed in the bylaws that there is supposed to be an editorial committee and chair, Helen and Jessamyn as webmasters are already serving this function. People reported that the membership misses a VLA newsletter. Helen and Jessamyn agreed to do a newsletter, June-ish, as conference wrap-up
10. VLA is partnering with NELA for their conference the second week of October, at the Sheraton in Burlington.
11. Charlotte is organizing a C & SL event, an "Instruction Update" on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The board approved spending up to \$300 on refreshments.
12. ALA. Nancy reported that Legislative Day will be tacked on to the ALA annual conference this year.
13. Grace reported that Catherine Friese, the new assistant state librarian, started this week. She has experience as a public and corporate librarian.
14. Grace reported on an early literacy initiative in collaboration with The Center for the Book and ALA. The program will teach public librarians how to be intentional about an early literacy component to storytime and help them work with parents and childcare providers.

We moved to the computer lab for training on WordPress. A handout "WordPress Basics for VLA Website Editors" was provided. Jessamyn, Judah and Helen are available for continued support.

Minutes submitted by Charlotte Gerstein 5/12/2010