

LibFutures
May 24, 2006
East Providence Public Library Weaver Branch

Minutes

Present: Peter Deekle, Mary Zammarelli, Cheryl Banich, Bob Aspri, Joan Ress Reeves, Kathy Boyd, Dorothy Frechette, Eileen Socha, Donna Longo DiMichele, Jackie Lamoureux, Michael Havener, Kathyellen Bullard, Janet Levesque, Patricia Redfearn, Cindy Muhlbach, Anne Parent.

Meeting was called to order approximately 3 PM.

David reminded the members that minutes were to be taken on a rotating volunteer basis. Kathyellen Bullard volunteered to fill Providence Public Library's rotation.

1. Information Sharing:

Cheryl B. stated that the LibFutures web site was now at godaddy for two years. The new web address is: www.rilibraryfutures.org

Dean Michael Havener informed the group that he is leaving the Director position at GSLIS, but will be remaining as a fulltime faculty member and will continue his involvement with the PRISM program.

Anne Parent is retiring from OLIS, but plans to stay in the area and continue to be a part of the library scene.

2. Finance Committee Hearing:

Anne Parent said it was a good response for such very short notice. There were 10 present, 4 testified, and packets of comments were given out at the hearing. If anyone wishes their own packet, just let Anne know. Anne recognized Shirley Long for recruiting two of her trustees to write letters. Joan RR said she found the Finance Committee interested and receptive. And Representative Elizabeth Dennigan spoke favorably of the bill. The testifiers were: Toby Rossi, Joan, Mark McKinney, and Tom Evans. Overall, it was a very positive reception. Tom E. said the bon issue also received a favorable reception. But there was confusion about whether it would be new bond legislation or existing legislation. Tom further suggested contacting Elizabeth Dennigan and Eileen Naughton to discuss the issue further. There was an idea floated at the hearing that this project might qualify for homeland security funds. Jackie noted that her brother is heard of RI emergency Management and she volunteered to broach the subject with him.

Tom distributed the sample wording for an addition to the governor's budget. Discussion followed on what needs to be done at this point. The current legislation takes the funds from the general fund, but indications are the only hope would be other funds. Consensus reached that David and Eileen will talk w/Elizabeth. Tom will speak with Eileen Naughton. Shirley Long will be asked

to speak with Rep. Shanley, and Rosellen Reynolds will be asked to speak with Rep. Carter.

3. Funding Options for the One Catalog:

Bob reported that their research for potential funders included Feinstein, Kreske, Gates, Davis, and IMLS. There was no clear recommendation.

4. The Commission:

David reported the Senate bill has gone back to the House, and was recommended to be held for further study. Elizabeth Dennigan needs to be asked why they did not vote it out as expected.

The question arose – because of our timeframe and the sunset clause; can we set the commission in motion prior to official appointments?

What does LibFutures need to officially do at this point?

-letters of appointment must be filed with the Secretary of State office, along with record o oaths. When a quorum is reached, meetings can be held. David distributed a list of the appointees, confirming with those present that they will be continuing, and expecting to follow up with those not present.

Beth Perry will fill Anne’s slot on the Commission.

It was confirmed that members of the Commission are automatically on the LibFutures steering committee. Question of how members will change will need further discussion.

The June 20 meeting at Cumberland Public Library will be considered as the LibFutures Annual Meeting.

5. Databases:

Kathy reported on Maine’s statewide database program (MARVEL!), and distributed a fact sheet about it. Maine received a package deal for \$ 874,500 and began the service with a bond issue that funded the service for a number of years.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:05 PM.