**VERMONT BOARD OF LIBRARIES**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**DRAFT**

**July 9, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

Latham Memorial Library

16 Library Lane  
Thetford, VT

**Members present:** Bruce Post (Chair), Deborah Granquist (Vice Chair), Jason Broughton (Interim State Librarian, Secretary), Rebekah Irwin, Linda Saarnijoki, Maxie Ewins

**Others present:** Cherie Yaeger (Dept. of Libraries), Beth Fernandez (Latham Library Trustee), Merit Scotford (Latham Library Trustee), Matthias Senger (Latham Library Trustee)

**Call to Order:** Chair Bruce Post convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

**Public to be heard**

Question from a Latham board member; how can someone get on the Board of Libraries? Bruce Post and Deb Granquist explained the process and what the board has been tasked with for the Department of Libraries.

**State Librarian Update**

ABLE Library: Jason Broughton talked about the Department’s collaborations with VT Adaptive Ski & Sports and Central VT Council on Aging. Jason shared a story from one of the Memory Café’s on how the attendees created a poem based on their memories.

Book Discussion: VTLIB bought the book Repeopling Vermont by Paul Searles to share with librarians around the state and conduct book discussions with the author at libraries around the state. Maxie Ewins asked Broughton what VTLIB expected for an outcome of these book discussions. Broughton said these books are being used to start a conversation of how and what the State of Vermont looks like in the future.

Library Report: 154 Libraries participated in the library report this year. Broughton explained to the board how the stats are used locally and nationally. Granquist stated the stats from the library board could be useful to library boards and librarians to help with discussions with towns and for fundraising purposes. Post mentioned that breaking the stats out by town or library size, or by regions within the state could be useful for looking at small rural libraries vs. medium or large sized libraries.

**Minutes**

Draft minutes of the April, 16, 2019 meetings were distributed to board members.

Granquist made a motion to approve the April 16, 2019 minutes with changes. Irwin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Geographic Naming:**

Cherie Yaeger went over the geographic naming spreadsheet and mentioned there would be at least 4 names that would need to be discussed at the October board meeting.

**DPLA:**

Rebekah Irwin spoke about the DPLA National Platform and that is project is now completed for Vermont. The partner organizations for DPLA are now trying to get media interested in this project and discussing how to get this to schools for student use.

**Library Standards:**

Broughton said he has started having conversations around library standards and he is formulating ideas based on numerous conversations he is having with librarians, board members and library groups from around the state.

Jason told the board are three approaches that looking at library standards can take.

* Take the current standards as they are and update as needed for the current library environment.
* Update or create new standards with caveats associated with them, to receive grant money must meet certain standards, or not receiving grant money a different set of standards.
* State Aid to Libraries- would have to be thought how this could be done, a change to statute would be needed and the Department would have a more hands on role with libraries who receive state aid.

Granquist noted that not all states have library standards. Post asked if there is anything in statute that requires the Department to set standards. Granquist looked at statute during the meeting and noted there was nothing that state the Department had to set standards for libraries.

**VPLF:**

Broughton acknowledged that Post and Granquist are new board members for VPLF. Post told Jason to let him and Granquist know what the next steps are, and when the next board meeting will be.

**Adjournment:**

Next Board of Libraries meeting is October 8, 2019 at the Department in Barre.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.