

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES

BOARD OF LIBRARIES

MINUTES

Ethan Allen Room, State House, Montpelier

10:30 A.M.

August 21, 2007

Present: John Rosenthal, Chair
David Brown
Linda Williamson
Susan Bruce
Joan Rahe
Sybil McShane, State Librarian

Marianne Kotch, Public Library Support Services Director, was also present.

- 1. Minutes** – John called the meeting/retreat to order at 10:38. He asked for corrections or omissions to the April minutes. Hearing none, he advised the minutes were approved as written.
- 2. Awards** – On behalf of the Board, John presented congratulatory gifts to Marianne and Sybil in recognition of the awards they had received at the Vermont Library Conference in May. Marianne had received the “Librarian of the Year” award and Sybil received the “VEMA” award.
- 3. LSTA Five-Year Plan FY2008-2012** –Sybil advised she would like to review the plan page by page in order to get all suggestions, corrections and opinions. Discussion ensued regarding the plan. During the discussion, the board members requested the appropriate links and passwords to access the Vermont On-Line Library. Sybil advised she would get that information to them. The Board recessed at 12:15 for lunch.
- 4. LSTA Five-Year Plan FY2008-2012 Continued** – The Board reconvened at 12:57. It continued its discussion of the five-year plan. The Board suggested only minor changes and was in agreement that Sybil had created a well written plan.
- 5. Future Meetings** – The October meeting will be held on Thursday the 25th at Midstate Regional Library. The December meeting will be held at Midstate on the 11th. The

Board advised that Marianne will be the guest of honor as she plans to retire on December 31, 2007.

6. State Librarian's & Public Library Support Services Director's Reports

2007 Vermont Public Library Foundation Grants - Sybil provided a list of the first round of Grant recipients. 23 grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 have been awarded. An additional \$20,000 grant funds will be made available from the Winnie Belle Learned funds for "Children and Their Families" grants. Nancy Graff – Sybil circulated a letter of resignation from Nancy Graff. John will write to Nancy, on behalf of the Board, thanking her for her years of service. Marianne handed out registration forms for the annual conference for trustees and their librarians. This conference, "Focus on the Customer", is sponsored by the Vermont Library Trustees Assn. with help from the Vermont Department of Libraries.

7. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Sybil Brigham McShane, Secretary

Next meeting October 25th, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin