

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES

BOARD OF LIBRARIES

MINUTES

Midstate Regional Library, Berlin

10:30 A.M.

October 17, 2006

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

Marianne Kotch, Public Library Support Services Director, was also present. Darlene and Thomas Wirth were in attendance for the Geographic Names Public Hearing.

- 1. Geographic Names – Public Hearing – Richies Run** – At 10:35 John opened the public hearing for the introduction and discussion of Richies Run. David advised that the notice for the hearing for Richies Run was incorrect. The petition identified a stream located in the towns of Newark and Westmore and the notice only identified a stream in the town of Newark. Linda and Susan pointed out that the procedure, as set forth in the statute, indicates that notice will be given to each town, in which the location lies, of the time and place when the Board will hear all interested parties and this has not happened. After considerable discussion, it was voted to postpone consideration until the December meeting to enable the State Librarian's office to correctly warn the naming of the stream in both towns. Darlene and Thomas Wirth advised they would not be able to attend the December meeting. If any objections to the naming are received prior to the December meeting, the hearing will be postponed to a date at which the Wirths will be able to attend. **Vermont Volunteer Bridge** – No one appeared on behalf or against the petition filed by the Secretary of Transportation to name bridge #80, which crosses over the West River, on Route 11 in Jamaica, the Vermont Volunteer Bridge. David made the motion to approve the request (second item on the agenda) as

submitted and Josie seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative. The public hearings ended at 11:10 a.m.

2. **Board Updates** – Nancy was unable to remain for the full meeting, so the Board reviewed her draft of its Mission Statement before addressing the minutes of the August meeting. Nancy handed out a shortened version of her original draft. After discussion it was decided to change the title from “mission” to “vision” statement. Other wording changes were suggested. Nancy will revise this draft and present it again at the December meeting. Nancy left at 11:20 a.m.
3. **Minutes** – John asked if there were any corrections to the August minutes. David advised that under item # 4, Trini Magi should actually be Trina. John advised that the August minutes were approved as written with the spelling correction noted.
4. **State Librarian’s / Public Library Support Services Director’s Reports - Budget** – Sybil has submitted a preliminary level funded budget, which means the department must absorb all pay increases and an estimated 6% health insurance increase.
Vermont Library Association (VLA) – State Aid Initiative – VLA has made a request for \$1.6M for state aid to public libraries to be included in the Governor's budget for FY2008. VLA would like to hire a lobbyist but with a limited budget and its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status which limits lobbying, it may have to start another organization that would have fewer limitations. Marianne advised that this topic will be discussed at the annual conference for trustees and librarians at the Capitol Plaza Hotel on October 28th.
Resource Sharing Report –Several libraries have not returned their report. **Federal Five-Year Evaluation** –The consultants will meet with academic, school and public librarians at several sites in Vermont during the last week of October for focus groups on the current IMLS program. The final report is due in April. The new Five-Year Plan will be due in June. **SALSA II**–The academic librarians will hold their second annual meeting. They have asked Sybil to speak. They would like to form a group to advise Sybil on her upcoming Federal Five Year Plan. **Vermont Online Library - VOL**- The request for proposals have been received and reviewed. The review group is almost

ready to select a vendor. **National Foundation for the Blind** – Sybil is in the process of finalizing the "Newline" newspaper project. **Librarian C – Special Services Unit** – Marjorie Zunder has hired a very dynamic person for this position. **Bookmobiles** – John asked if the bookmobiles are still functioning. Sybil advised that Lyndonville is still operating and Colchester and Newport want to go to smaller vehicles. Some groups have asked for permission to sell their bookmobiles as they can't afford to operate them. If the vehicles are sold, the money must be returned to the Federal government unless a plan is submitted for outreach services to Sybil and/or the Federal government. Senator Jeffords has submitted an earmark for \$250,000 for outreach services in Vermont.

National Book Festival – Amy Howlett and her daughter attended the book festival in Washington DC. Sybil had some nickel sized stickers made for the festival. Amy said they were a big hit. **Computer Upgrade** – The upgrade went fine. The biggest changes/impact are in the Technical Services/cataloging area. We need to replace the system for the Library for the Blind. There are funds left from our system upgrade and there should be savings from computer maintenance costs which can be applied to the replacement system cost.

5. **Board Updates – Reappointment** – David advised that he has been reappointed to serve until February 2010. He considers it an honor and he is proud to serve on the Board. **Bennington Free Library** – Josie advised that today is the 70th anniversary of the Bennington Free Library. She hoped to return home in time to participate in some of the festivities. **Trina Magi** – David would like Trina to attend a board meeting. Sybil will invite her.

6. **The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 19, 10:30 a.m., Midstate Regional Library, Berlin- Snow Date: Wednesday December 20th

Sybil Brigham McShane, Secretary