

**VERMONT BOARD OF LIBRARIES
MINUTES OF MEETING**

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**October 9, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Department of Libraries
Barre, Vermont**

Members present: Bruce Post (Chair), Deborah Granquist (Vice Chair), Jason Broughton (Interim State Librarian, Secretary) Josh Fitzhugh, Tom Frank, Maxie Ewins, Rebekah Irwin

Others present: Cherie Yaeger (Executive Assistant to the State Librarian)

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Post called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Post introduced new board member, Rebekah Irwin.

Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting were distributed to board members. Post proposed changes to draft minutes. The minutes of July 17, 2018 were adopted with changes presented by Post.

Josh Fitzhugh made a motion to approve the July 17, 2017 minutes with Post's corrections. Deborah Granquist seconded. All members approved unanimously in favor, with corrections.

Department of Libraries Update:

Executive Session: Board went to executive session for an update on Scott Murphy.

Interim State Librarian, Jason Broughton, updated the board on projects, partnerships, working with state agencies and departments, and the move. Broughton distributed a State Librarian Report to the board. The changes within the ABLE Library were discussed, as well as how the Department has been playing a role in the Capital for the Day visits to each County, and the work the department is doing on the Opioid Council.

Vermont Public Library Foundation (VPLF)

Jason Broughton explained to the Board that the Department has been trying to decide how it should move forward with the administration of VPLF. The Department feels that someone, other than the State Librarian, should oversee the VPLF and Broughton asked for board members opinions or ideas for administration of VPLF. Broughton also inquired if the board would be interested in taking on overseeing the funds disbursements of VPLF. Josh Fitzhugh mentioned that due to wording of the statute that created the VPLF, the Department may need to go to the Legislature for any changes to the organization of the VPLF.

Deborah Granquist mentioned that the VPLF must give out 5% of its funds every year. Broughton said the Department would look into this for this year. Preliminary ideas from the board were to spend out the entire fund and dissolve the foundation, give each library a percentage of the funds to spend towards ADA or facility improvement, give money to another non-profit, create a new board for the foundation.

The board stated that for more definitive recommendations they would need more information concerning the foundation. This can be discussed at the January meeting, and the department will need to bring a packet of information including; the statute, Bylaws, Account information, Budget for VTLIB to continue being the administrative arm, any other pertinent information to the foundation.

Tom Frank mentioned that per Federal regulations, if there is no board – there is no foundation.

Other Business:

Fitzhugh inquired on the DCF book award. Jason told the board that the department is conducting an online survey via the department website, looking at the long-term financial stability of the DCF, Red Clover, and Green Mountain Book Awards, and what it would take to bring all administration of the book awards back into the Department of Libraries.

Broughton talked about Library Standards and getting libraries and the Board involved in the review and rewriting of these over the next year.

Post noted that the next meeting is on January 8, 2019. Post inquired on having the meeting in Middlebury at the College, Rebekah Irwin said that she would look into a location in Middlebury for the meeting. Post recommended having a longer meeting to incorporate a time for librarians to share their ideas on how the Board of Libraries can help serve libraries around the state, and as a time for an open discussion on the state of libraries in Vermont and the struggles libraries face.

Josh Fitzhugh requested that VPLF be added to the agenda for the January Meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.