

Northern New York Library Network
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.

Trustees Present: Ellen Adams, President, Jenica Rogers, Vice-President, Steve Kenworthy, Secretary, Emily Hastings, Treasurer, Jackie Madison, John Thomas, Krista Briggs, Paulette Roes, Jenica Rogers, Sarah Weisman, Allison Comes, Justin Cree, Gwen Cunningham

Trustees Absent: Jill Daby

Staff Present: Meg Backus, Jennifer Thomas

Agenda

Motion 23/24 - - 9: Sarah Weisman (Jenica Rogers) moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Motion 23/24 - - 10: Krista Briggs (Sarah Weisman) moved to approve the July 20, 2023 meeting minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports

The Board reviewed and discussed the financial reports for July through August 2023 as presented by Jennifer. Meg noted ending balance for MISP funds is being reviewed further and may be subject to change upon full review. The financial reports for May and June were received for filing.

NNYLN Grants

Meg presented the grant review and summary to the board.

Motion 23/24 - - 11: Steve Kenworthy (Krista Briggs) moved to accept the Grant Review 2023-2024 Summary and Recommendations and approve awards. Motion carried unanimously.

State Report

Meg noted that the NYS Annual Report is due October 1, 2023 and has not yet been completed. Our goal is to have draft of the report complete and ready for board review by September 26th and the vote can be completed by September 28th. It was agreed that upon completion of the full report it will be emailed to board members to review and vote on. All board members will need to vote.

Director's Report

Meg Backus noted her written report was included in the Board packet, and members discussed several items. Highlights included:

- New upgraded newspaper site went live August 23, 2023.
- Proposed resource sharing between the ESLN councils suggested by Meg was well-received. Councils will work together to aggregate a robust schedule of online webinars, collaborate

to design and educational series covering topics that bridge member skills, and create and support learning collaboratives state-wide.

- Fall Meeting is October 4, 2023 at the VIC, Paul Smith's, NY. The meeting is both online and in-person. Depending on registrations the meeting may be fully remote.
- PD grants awarded
 - Marissa Caico, SUNY Oswego, \$1200, CLIR/DLF Forum, St Louis MO, Nov 13-16, 2023.
 - Chessie Monks-Kelly, Historic Saranac Lake, \$400, Moving Museum Collections Course, virtual, beginning Sep 4, 2023.
 - Mary Cabral, Clarkson University, \$877 for two events: UNYOC Annual Conference (Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association), \$607, Oct 25-27 AND Imagining America: Radical Reckoning: Invoking the Elements for Collective Change, \$270, Oct 25-27. Both were awarded as the total was below the limit of \$1200/grant.
- Neighbor to N on US-11 is requesting permanent easement from NNYLN for a portion of their parking lot NNYLN has licensed to them since 2000. Use does not affect NNYLN activities. Consulting atty Andy Silver of Silver and Silver in Canton.

The meeting was adjourned by Ellen Adams at 11:51am

Next Meeting: November 16, 2023; Zoom, 10:00am

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer M Thomas