

Meeting Minutes, Chili Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting-APPROVED
December 16, 2008

Board of Trustees: Ed Schuler (President), Glenda Melville (Vice-President), James Lechner (Treasurer), Charles Havens (Secretary), Judith Kharbas, Christina Reece, James Myers
Library Director: Jeff Baker
Town Liaison: Michael Slattery
Friends representative: Sandy Roether

Members of the library staff thanked Mr. Schuler for his service as CPL Board President. President Schuler convened the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Approved minutes of November 18, 2008 meeting by seven in favor, none opposed.
Approved abstract: \$19,203.97 by seven in favor, none opposed.
Approved the meeting agenda by seven in favor, none opposed.

Communications

Guests/Public:

None.

Town Board Liaison:

Mr. Slattery: thanks to Mr. Schuler – his leadership has been refreshing.

Mr. Slattery also handed out copies of a news article from Palm Beach Florida discussing the surge in library usage there similar to that observed at Chili and other MCLS members in the economic down turn.

Friends Representative:

None.

Director's Report – December 2008

Board, Director, Public Officials and Guest's discussion as noted.

General Information:

- **Full Staff Meeting** – Friday, January 2, 2009 at 9am.
- **Friends of the CPL Board Meeting** –Tuesday, January 13, 2008 at 6:30pm.
- **CPL Statistics** –Distribution of November statistics: door count plus 16% from 2007.

Follow Up Items:

- **Library District Workshop Review** – Jim Myers, Jim Lechner, Judith Kharbas and Jeff Baker attended the December 6 trustee workshop, Library Districts in New York State.

Libby Post, the speaker, was very insightful describing the differences between the different types of Library Districts and explaining marketing techniques.

Ms. Kharbas: Ms. Post would be an excellent consultant as Chili considers the Libraries future needs.

In 2009 MCLS has planned the following trustee workshops: January 9, Digital Photography; March 7, New Trustee Orientation; May 9, MCLS Finances; September 12, Legal Responsibilities of Trustees; November 7, Training day – content to be announced.

- **Assembly member Susan John** – Jim Lechner and the director will share how their meeting with Assembly member Susan John went at her local office on Thursday, December 11.

Mr. Lechner: Assembly member John is very knowledgeable and was very open concerning the financial crisis confronting the State. She indicated a willingness to support libraries as much as possible but the constraints are significant; the anticipated economic stimulus package is expected to contain support in some form.

- **MCLS 2009-2011 Contract Approval** - The Monroe County Library System Library Board contract with member libraries has been updated and reviewed by the Director's Council. It has been approved by the MCLS Library Board at their November 17th meeting. Member libraries are asked to approve the document. At the November library board meeting, the library board requested the director provide a copy of the MCLS Internet Policy Statement that is referred to in the contract. The policy has since been distributed. The contract covers January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2011. **Action requested: Approve the MCLS 2009-2011 Contract**

Approved seven in favor, none opposed.

New Items:

- **Purchase of Network Switches** - The Monroe County Library System recommends member libraries convert their hubs to switches to improve network performance dramatically. The Chili Public Library has 2-24 port 10/100 hubs for our internal network. The hubs impact throughput of our network, especially with video traffic on the network, whereas switches help isolate the traffic from being seen on all network ports, thus improving network efficiency. The cost to replace the 2 hubs is estimated not to exceed \$6,000. It is requested that this be paid for through CPL Memorial Funds in 2009. **Action requested: Approve the purchase of network switches not to exceed \$6,000 to be paid through the Memorial Fund.**

Approved seven in favor, none opposed.

- **Teen Blog** - A new Teen Blog has been created by the Teen Librarian. The blog can be accessed from the library's homepage. The blog is a place for teens to find out what's happening in their library, what new books we have, or for them to leave comments regarding their thoughts about the library. There is a twittering section on the page as well.

State News

- **Message From NYLA Legislative Chair Kathy Miller** – “To all local library advocates: Good news! The \$20 million cuts in library aid proposed by the Governor will not happen this year and the remaining library aid is being released. My thanks to all local library advocates who took the time to contact their legislators by phone, fax, visits, or through the NYLA website, and those that went to Albany for the November 18th Rally. You DID make a difference. Advocacy does count. Everybody benefits from this library aid...public and school libraries through their system, academic libraries through CCDA and Conservation/Preservation aid, all libraries through the subsidy that pays for needed medical information.”

Mr. Baker: Governor Patterson's proposed 2009 budget contains an 18% decrease which will be a significant issue for MCLS.

System News

- **MCLS Interim Director** - RPL-MCLS Director Selection Committee has selected Paula Smith to serve as Interim Director on a part-time basis, beginning on Monday, December 29, 2008 for a short time until a new Director is appointed. The RPL-MCLS Director Selection Committee is currently in the process of reviewing materials submitted by candidates. The Selection Committee is comprised of representatives from the RPL and MCLS boards of trustees, the MCLS member library directors, the County, and the City.

Committee Reports

Building

Mr. Baker and Ms. Kharbas met with Supervisor Dunning on November 25th and he supported initiating additional study of the need for potential expansion.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A motion was made to elect CPL Board Officers for 2009:

Mr. Myers – President

Ms. Melville – Vice President

Mr. Lechner – Treasurer

Mr. Havens - Secretary

which was approved seven in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Steven Ziblut as a Chili Library Board Trustee for a five year term starting January, 2009 and this was approved seven in favor, none opposed. T

These actions are to be communicated to the Chili Town Council by Mr. Havens for their action as needed.

Comments from Guests

None.

Mr. Schuler adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Next meeting date/time: January 27, 2009 at 6:00 PM CPL Barbara M. Ireland Community Room.