

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY SYSTEM

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SALS Board Meeting • **January 20, 2009** at 1 p.m.
at the System Service Center

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at the System Service Center and brought to order at 1:04 p.m. with President Dick Merrill presiding.

Present were: Mmes. Gold and Hoover, and Mssrs. DeFonce, Elman, Mays, Merrill, and Mosher. Also present were Sara Dallas, Director at SALS, Jill Martz, Administration and Finance Manager at SALS, and Marie Ellsworth, Director at Caldwell-Lake George Library and the Directors Council liaison to SALS Board.

Absent with prior notice were: Mmes. Helms, Payne and Smith, and Mssrs. Jeffords and Pepper.

Mr. Merrill welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the Board's indulgence in the shifting of the order of the Agenda as Ms. Hoover was delayed.

1. **Director's Report:**

- A. *Joint Automation Report:* Kathy Naftaly of Crandall Public Library has been chosen by SALS Directors Council to serve on the Joint Automation Council for a term of three years, expiring 12/31/2011.

MPC Corporation, the main vendor used for purchasing computers and laptops, has gone out of business and filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy. This means there are currently no warranties on any of the MPC equipment. JA staff is investigating where and if parts for repair can be obtained. Michele Largeteau, Joint Automation Project Manager, is contacting the Attorney General to see what recourse possibilities might be available; perhaps a third party warranty? All staff have instructions NOT to accept any shipments from MPC. New equipment could be purchased through Dell. Mr. Mays suggested that SALS attorney also be contacted.

- B. *Other:* Member library directors met and selected a new vendor for downloadable audio books.

Libraries can expect a cut in State funding from 18% to 22%. Please contact your legislators, and plan to attend Library Legislative Day in March.

Hard copies of New York State tax forms are available in libraries only. It is ironic that library funding is being cut when library use has increased.

Mrs. Dallas will be attending ALA Midwinter in Denver, leaving Thursday. She has been asked to serve on the "Freedom to Read Foundation," and will attend their meeting.

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) addresses lead content in children's books. ALA suggested waiting until the final report is released before removing books or banning children from the library.

The Obama Transition Team has contacted ALA about how libraries are being used in tough economic times. Perhaps libraries will benefit; Federal funds **may** be coming.

2. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2008:** Mr. Elman moved, seconded by Mr. Mays, that the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting be approved as distributed. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report and Monthly Budget Reports for November and December; warrants:**
In Mr. Jeffords absence, Mrs. Martz noted that there wasn't anything unusual to report in the Treasurer's Report. SALS ended 2008 with a small surplus, and there is still outstanding 2008 State Aid to be received. It was noted that SALS 2009 budget will be balanced due to unfilled positions and 2008 State Aid to be received in 2009. Mr. Elman moved, seconded by Mrs. Gold, that receipt of the November and December 2008 Treasurer's and Monthly Budget Reports be acknowledged, and that they be filed for audit. Motion carried. Warrants 2008-38 through 2008-43, A08-20 through A08-25, and TA08-21 through TA08-24 were available for Board perusal. (Copy of Warrant list attached to the Official Minutes)
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. Audit & Finance:
 - B. Building: Monaghan & Laughlin have been contacted about the leaks in the roof. They are scheduled to come this week.
 - C. Bylaws Committee:
 - D. Central Library Aid and Services: A Member Librarians meeting was held at Crandall Public Library. Attendees learned about Central Library services and took a tour of the new library. The Self-Check system is working well; 60% of books going out go through self-check.
 - E. County Aid Coordinators:
 - F. Library Services: The current status of the delivery service was discussed.
 - G. Personnel:
 - H. Trustee Nominating:
5. **Unfinished Business:**
6. **New Business:**
 - A. SALS 2009 Budget and NYS Budget Cuts:
 - B. Approve appointment of Kathy Naftaly to the JA Council: Mrs. Gold moved, seconded by Mr. Elman, that Kathy Naftaly of the Crandall Public Library be appointed to the Joint Automation Council for a three year term ending 12/31/2011. Motion carried.
 - C. Library Trustee and Library Program of the Year: The Library Trustee and Library Programs of the Year were explained. Miss Hoover moved, seconded by Mr. DeFonce, that the 2008 Library Trustee of the Year and 2008 Library Program of the Year be approved. Motion carried. Discussion followed. Mr. DeFonce moved, seconded by Mrs. Gold, that if SALS budget includes funding for these programs, and the budget is approved, these programs are also approved, and a separate approval is not necessary. Motion carried.
7. **Director's Council Report:** Marie Ellsworth, Director at Caldwell-Lake George Library and Directors Council liaison to SALS, gave a report. Rebecca Fasulo, Director at Corinth Free Library, is Chair. The Director's Council is recommending Kathy Naftaly as the liaison to Joint Automation. A representative from Washington County is still needed for representation on the Council.

At the December 14, 2008 meeting, members discussed the advantages of Overdrive vs. Netlibrary as an ebook vendor. A conference call was made, and favorable terms were offered.

A meeting date schedule was finalized, and the topic at the next meeting (February 25th) will be Advocacy.

If anyone would like more information, please feel free to contact Marie Ellsworth at Caldwell-Lake George Library, or anyone else on the Directors Council.

8. **Announcements:** Mr. Elman reported that the NYSALB Trustee Conference would be held the weekend of May 1st in Syracuse this year. It was suggested that perhaps the Board would like to think about a scholarship to send a SALS trustee to the Conference.

Miss Hoover moved, seconded by Mrs. Gold, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Bowen
Recording Secretary