

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY SYSTEM

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SALS Board Meeting • **November 18, 2008** at 1 p.m.
at the System Service Center

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at the System Service Center and brought to order at 1:00 p.m. with President Dick Merrill presiding.

Present were: Mmes. Gold, Helms and Smith, and Mssrs. Elman, Jeffords, Mays, Merrill and Mosher. Also present were: Sara Dallas, Director at SALS, and Jill Martz, Administration and Finance Manager at SALS.

Absent with prior notice were: Mmes. Hoover and Payne, and Mssrs. DeFonce and Pepper.

Mr. Merrill welcomed everyone to the last SALS Board meeting of 2008.

1. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2008:** Mr. Jeffords noted a correction to the minutes of October 28th. On page 3, under the amendment to the 2008 budget, the increase to the Expense for NYS Grant-in-Aid should be \$57,500, not \$57,000. Mrs. Gold moved, seconded by Mr. Elman, that the minutes of the October 28, 2008 meeting be approved as corrected. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report and Monthly Budget Reports for October; warrants:** Mr. Jeffords noted that the only major item of note in the Treasurer's Report was the receipt of \$18,375 from the Lake Placid Foundation. Mr. Elman moved, seconded by Mr. Jeffords, that receipt of the October Treasurer's and Monthly Budget Reports be acknowledged, and that they be filed for audit. Motion carried. Warrants 2008-36 through 2008-37, A08-18 through A08-19, and TA08-19 through TA08-20 were available for Board perusal. (Copy attached to the Official Minutes).
3. **Director's Report:**
 - A. **State Budget:** Mrs. Dallas and Carol Clingan, Director at Mohawk Valley Library System, visited several legislative offices in Albany yesterday. Mrs. Dallas encouraged Board members to contact their representatives about not cutting aid to libraries. SALS funding could be cut 17%. SALS budget was reviewed through the end of the year. SALS has not received the LSSA aid as yet. With the budget cuts plus money not spent, salaries and benefits of the two employees that retired and an unfilled page position, SALS should be okay this year.
 - B. **Gates Grant:** All of the Gates Grant computers have been delivered and surveys completed. There will be another Gates Grant coming, but details are not available as yet.
 - C. **NYLA:** A successful NYLA conference was held in Saratoga Springs. Mrs. Dallas met the new State Librarian, Bernie Margolis. Mr. Jeffords spoke at the conference.
 - D. **Delivery Service:** A conference call was held with the Executive Vice President of Velocity, their Chief Financial Officer Ted Stone, Carol Clingan of MVLS, and Mrs. Dallas. Service has improved, and Velocity has been responsive to problems.

- E. “Inch by Inch”: Mike O’Connor and attorney Ed Lindner wrote “Inch by Inch” about implementing Chapter 414 local votes law for libraries in 1995. Josh Cohen and Rebekkah Smith of Mid-Hudson Library have updated Mr. O’Connor’s edition; this is available for your perusal.

4. **Committee Reports:**

- A. Audit & Finance: Mr. Jeffords moved, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to increase income by \$18,375 to reflect monies received from the Lake Placid Foundation. Motion carried.
- B. Building: The Folklife Center is moving back to Crandall Public Library. They may wish to use space in the garage for storage.
- C. Bylaws Committee:
- D. Central Library Aid and Services:
- E. County Aid Coordinators: Spencer Hellwig of Saratoga County has informed Mrs. Dallas that the Downloadable Audio Book Grant for \$34,000 is in the Saratoga County budget.
- F. Library Services:
- G. Personnel:
- H. Trustee Nominating:

5. **Unfinished Business:**

6. **New Business:**

- 7. **Director’s Council Report**: The Director’s Council will meet at SALS on Wednesday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m.

8. **Announcements:**

- A. State Budget: Please contact your State Legislators re: not cutting library aid (www.nyla.org).
- B. Crandall Reopening: The ribbon cutting for the re-opening of the Crandall Public Library will be at 5:30 on December 12th.
- C. Next SALS Meeting: The next SALS Board meeting will be January 20th.

Mrs. Helms moved, seconded by Mrs. Gold, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Bowen
Recording Secretary