

LION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
9:30 a.m.
May 16, 2017
Russell Library, Middletown, CT

Present: Bonny Albanese (MA), Marian Amodeo (HA), Colleen Bailie (WH), Matt Beardsley (LION), Gale Bradbury (LE), Barbara Cangiano (WA), Richard Conroy (EX), Beth Crowley (MA), Lew Daniels (WE), Brandie Doyle (MI), Meryl Farber (OR), Jane Fisher (WA), Janet Flewelling (WA), Andy Gardner (LION), Michael Gilroy (EH), Alan Hagyard (LION), Katie Huffman (OL), Bob Hull (NB/NT), Karen Jensen (BL), Pat LaTerza (NH), Jess Lobner (MDF), Suzanne Maryeski (NL), Rob McCoole (GU), Cornell McNair (NW), Katie Nazarian (MC), Alice Pentz (ST), Tom Piezzo (HA), Karen Roesler (ME), Sandy Ruoff (GU), Cyndi Shirshac (DU), Justin Strickland (LION), Lisa Timothy (EL), Michele Van Epps (OS), Eric Werthmann (WD), Rick Widlansky (LION)

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order: 10:04
- II. Additions to Agenda: none
- III. Public Comment: none
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Richard C. made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2017 meeting. Jane F. seconded. Approved.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Bob Hull reports that he is impressed with the investment gains and notes expenses for telecom and OPAC enhancements with *Shoutbomb*.
- VI. ACTION/DISCUSSION

Karen Jensen was acknowledged for her good work as CLA president this year.

1. Candidate presentation: Karen Roesler introduced the finalist candidate, Joe Farara, for the position of Executive Director of LION.
Joe Farara is currently the Faculty Librarian at Johnson State College in Vermont. Joe spoke of his experience with a wide variety of library organizations including academic, public and school libraries. He mentioned many library projects, including the construction of a new library building. Joe spoke of his experience with all the changing technologies in libraries since the early nineties. He was also past president of the Vermont Library Association.
2. deliverIT: Marian said there were 3 topics: the RFP process, deliverIT update and preparation by LION for future service. The 3 large CT Consortia met with Jennifer Keohane of CLC to work on an RFP with Jim Mingus for a supplemental delivery service. Costs are a concern. The RFP is not finished. A clear message about funding is needed from the CSL. The CSL meets and votes on May 22 at 1:00. (Sandy Ruoff is now a member of the State Library Board.) There was a discussion of options for individual libraries vs. consortia service as supplemental to what the State may provide. The CSL is suggesting suspending holds as of July 1, 2017 to clean up backlog, redraw routes and then offer up to 5 day/3 bin service to all libraries. There was discussion of LION researching the possibility of providing a service for LION libraries in light of the State's budget problems. LION reserve funds are available to fund the first year of a delivery service. Future LION fees would include a delivery fee. There was discussion of creating an emergency plan for this situation.

Richard C. made a motion to authorize Marian A., as LION president, to give a consultant the go ahead to recommend a vendor for a LION delivery service. Bob H. seconded the motion. After more discussion the motion was approved.

3. Budget: The budget for FY2018 is 2% higher than previous budget. LION would use reserve funds for a delivery service, either supplemental or complete and add delivery fees the next year. Plan to build reserves back up over the next five years. Karen R. made a motion to approve the budget. Richard C. seconded. Approved.
4. Next meeting: June 20 at 4:00 at Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library in Stony Creek. Followed by a retirement party for Alan at the Owenego Club in Branford from 6:00-8:00.

VII. REPORTS:

1. LION Staff: Andy is planning for the Sierra upgrade to 3.1 with another upgrade in June. Rick reports that Ledyard is the first library to get fiber. He is waiting for the schedule list from CEN. Matt is assessing the PCs for each LION library. Staff pcs and receipt printers will be replaced based on the assessments. Justin is working on annual updates and installations. The recent malware ransomware attack puts LION pcs at risk if libraries do not have a backup plan. Contact Rick for recommendations. Alan has handled the mailed notices printing problem. He mentioned that the PIKA front end enhancement is still available at a start-up cost of \$25,000, with an annual fee of \$36,500. A LION library will be chosen in the future to test the CSL's eGO system of access to eBooks. The CSL has plans to invest \$2.2 million in the program. Eric Hansen is the coordinator.

2. LION Committees:

Nominating: Sandy R. said there would be a slate of candidates for the June meeting—

Marian A. - president

Colleen B. - vice president

Alice P. – secretary

Eric W. – treasurer

Finance: none

Personnel: none

Planning: none

Biblio: none

Circ: Bonny will plan a Circ meeting when the delivery service is settled

LUX: Janet reported that the committee met on April 10. The committee had an extensive demo of PIKA. There was an enthusiastic response to the features and the staff of PIKA. Recommend that LION consider the product. Overdrive has a curated collection feature now. LION libraries are marketing *Shoutbomb* more. Shared Object kits are in high use.

eBooks: the committee met on April 6. The committee still need a new chair.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjournment: Lisa T made a motion to adjourn. Richard C. seconded. The meeting adjourned to move into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Pentz, secretary