

LION Board of Directors

March 27, 2018

9:30

Russell Library

Middletown, CT

Present: Bonny Albanese (MA), Marian Amodeo (HM), Collen Bailie (WM), Debra Barberi (MD), Matt Beardsley (LION), Gale Bradbury (LB), Nancy Bruckner (NW), Barbara Cangiano (WA), Melissa Canham-Clyne (BE), Richard Conroy (EX), Beth Crowley (MA), Lew Daniels (WS), Selma Dautefendic (OS), Lauren Davis (NB), Brandie Doyle (MD), Joseph Farara (LION), Jane Fisher (WA), Janet Flewelling (WA), Andy Gardner (LION), Michael Gilroy (RB), Kathy Giotsas (OR), Katie Huffman (OL), Karen Jensen (BR), Pat LaTerza (NH), Jess Lobner (ML), (Suzanne Maryeski (NL), Rob McCoolle (GU), Cornell McNair (NW), Amy Noble (NB) Alice Pentz (ST), Tom Piezzo (HA), Karen Roesler (ME), Cyndi Shirshac (DU) Justin Strickland (LION), Lisa Timothy (EL) Eric Werthmann (WD), Rick Widlansky (LION)

- I. Called to order at 9:35 a.m.
- II. No additions to the agenda
- III. No public comment
- IV. A motion was made by Melissa C. to approve the minutes from January 23, 2018. Richard C. seconded. Approved.
- V. Treasurer's report: Eric said everything in the report looks good. No problems to report.
- VI. ACTION/DISCUSSION
 1. Joe submitted the revised LION mission statement: "Libraries Online Incorporated (LION) is a self-governing consortium of Connecticut library institutions committed to leveraging technology *and collaboration* to share, expand, and promote quality, cost-effective information resources and services." The Board will vote on approving the change at the next meeting.
 2. Marian welcomed Selma Dautefendic, the new library director of Acton Public Library in Old Saybrook, to the LION Board.
 3. PIKA implementation. Joe reports that PIKA will go live in mid-May. It will prove great benefits to LION. Each library will have an individual brand and limited administrative rights.
 4. Joe received information about a digital New York Times proposal. He will get more details on costs for individual libraries if there is interest.
 5. Strategic Plan: Jane said there will be meeting dates for library staff to discuss ideas in focus groups. A survey will be sent after the series of meetings.
 6. Circulation Committee Best Practices Recommendations from April 2016 were reviewed. There was a discussion of which ones could be easily implemented. The discontinuing of overdue fines will be challenging for many libraries, although some LION members have already made fines voluntary and are pleased with the results. At this point these are

best practices ideas, not required standards. Lisa suggested that the Strategic Planning Committee should review them.

7. CLC Delivery Service Proposal Status: Joe reported that the vendors responding to the RFP could not compete with what LION and LCI are now paying for delivery. There will be no contract with either vendor. Currently LION is paying \$16.20 a stop. LCI pays \$19+ and the vendors were in the \$21-30.00 a stop range. Joe also reported that no materials have been lost with Riverbend as the delivery service.
There was a question of changing the number of delivery stops if LION library budgets are cut.
8. Save the dates: the next LION meeting will be Tuesday, May 22, 2018. The Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Locations to be determined.

VII. REPORTS

1. LION: The State Library has begun implementing the new eGo platform for a statewide eBook collection. There will be an app offering a wider array of digital content, including Project Gutenberg.

Colleen and Joe met with members of the Pro Bono Partnership in Hartford. They offer legal services for nonprofits in Connecticut. They can help libraries who do not have access to legal advice through their towns. LION is working with them on updating the LION personnel manual.

Andy met with the Overdrive rep. Town patrons will get priority on holds with Advantage program. They are offering an "Instant Digital Card" which associates telephone numbers with local libraries. The Sierra upgrade went fine. We are up to date. He is attending an IUG (Innovative Users Group) meeting in April.

Joe reported that LION will have a booth at the upcoming CLA conference.

2. Nominating committee: Looking for nominations for Vice President/President elect and secretary.

Finance: Eric said the committee will meet in February to discuss the fee structure. Plan to keep fees at similar levels

Personnel: The committee will evaluate Joe after today's meeting. Colleen attended the Pro Bono Partnership meeting with the plan to update the LION staff personnel manual.

Bibliographic: There will be a meeting on April 3 at East Lyme library.

Circulation: Joe and Andy attended the last meeting at Guilford. The next meeting is April 3.

LUX: The past meetings this year were snowed out. The next meeting is April 18 in Guilford.

EBooks: Deb shared a graph showing increased usage of eBooks over the past 10 years.

Now at 25,000 circs per month. Currently \$150,000 Overdrive budget. The committee is managing it for circulation, not for collection development. The focus is on ordering popular titles and reducing wait times for patrons.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

Joe: In talks with PIKA he was told that our bibliographic records are in great shape for implementation.

- IX. NEW BUSINESS: Budget news. Both Hamden and Madison have sustained deep budget cuts affecting staffing, materials and Sunday hours. Madison is facing a two year building process with 5 positions at risk. Gale reported that Ledyard is closed one day a week and one position has remained unfilled.
- X. ADJOURNMENT: Richard made a motion to adjourn at 10:38. Tom seconded. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Pentz, Secretary