

LION Board of Directors
August 28, 2018
Russell Library
Middletown, CT
9:30am

Present: Bonny Albanese (MA), Marian Amodeo (HM), Colleen Bailie (WM), Tara Borden (EL), Gale Bradbury (LB), Nancy Bruckner (NW), Ramona Burkey (MD), Melissa Canham-Clyne (BE), Richard Conroy (EX), Beth Crowley (MA), Lew Daniels (WS), Joseph Farara (LION), Jane Fisher (WA), Andy Gardner (LION), Michael Gilroy (RB), Rebecca Harlow (OR), Katie Huffman (OL), Karen Jensen (BR), Pat LaTerza (NH), Jess Lobner (ML), Suzanne Maryeski (NL), Rob McCoolle (GU), Amy Noble (NB), Ellen Paul (EH), Alice Pentz (ST), Tom Piezzo (HA), Eric Werthmann (WD)

- I. Called to order at 9:44
- II. Additions to Agenda: None
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2018
Melissa C. made a motion to approve. Tom P. seconded it. Approved.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Eric W. reported that LION went over budget FY 2017-2018, largely because of the Riverbend Delivery service and PIKA. Joe F. noted that Innovative wanted to be paid by July so they had to dip into FY 2018-2019. However, as Eric W. pointed out, Overdrive and PIKA are included in FY 2018-2019 budget so he doesn't expect to go over budget this year.
Jane F. made a motion to approve. Marian A. seconded it. Approved.
- VI. ACTION/DISCUSSION
 1. Riverbend expenses 2018/2019: Joe F. met with Steve from Riverbend and there will be a modest price increase of \$300/week bringing it to \$2,000/week. It was agreed that that the service is worth every penny.
 2. Sierra 4.0: There was a discussion regarding the implementation of Sierra 4.0. There seems to be some bugs that need to be worked out surrounding the Automatic Renewal feature that they are working on. Marian A. reported that LCI turned it on and the overall response has been positive but LION staff believe that they should monitor it and wait and see what other libraries experience. Eric W. suggested that perhaps this topic should be put back on the Agenda at a later date.
 3. LS & S: LION and Consortia Status: LION put together a working group. Threat to Ledyard is now over. There is a united front among CT's consortia. Joe F. and other consortia leaders are meeting on Friday, September 7th at CLC to discuss. Joe F. created a Google doc regarding LS & S' information and is glad to share it with anyone who would like a copy.

4. EGO Update: Ego, the app from state library that provides patrons with access to Overdrive and the state's collection in one place has not rolled out yet. Andy G. and Joe F. have attended meetings about this and are not sure if this is a good fit for our patrons / libraries. Joe F. thinks that it would require a lot of promotion for eGo even though the state collection is relatively small at around 2,400 items. There is a very good working relationship between the state library and LION at this point in time.

5. Strategic Plan, Next Steps: Jane F. reported that Joe F. is doing a great job of pulling together information from the sessions that were held combined with information from previous versions of the Strategic Plan. Next we need to figure out how to get the actual work done. Joe F. stated that the new plan is very straight forward, less of a Strategic Plan than a housekeeping process to look at in broader terms that will only make the LION organization stronger if put into place. Ellen P. asked of Strategy 1 (Defined new member guidelines/New member task force) if the guidelines were for only new members or all member libraries. Joe F. responded that there will be new criteria that potential new members will have to meet in order to be considered a part of LION. Joe F. also reported that the hardest will be Strategy 4 (Substitute library aide pool) because of union or town guidelines that will make that a challenge to pull off and perhaps LION needs to hold off on that until we can approach it legally. Ellen P. and Jane F. suggested that a small working group be formed to investigate librarian and library assistant pool further, especially among current LION workers. Joe F. asked the room if they are comfortable moving forward with the plan and organize it into a more formal document and was met with support. Richard C. asked the room if anyone sees anything that they would like to see changed and Tom P. responded that he would like to see the Web-hosted ILS moved up higher on the list but Joe F. related that there are cost restrictions to doing that sooner. Jane F. reminded everyone that they are welcome to send an email to Strategic Plan email address (planning@lioninc.org) if any questions or concerns arise. Jane F. also reported that LION is changing the current structure of standing committees and focusing more on small working groups in the future. Joe F. chimed in that those working groups of 6-8 people per topic would be constructed not only of Directors, but also staff members and LION staff. Beth C. pointed out that some of the standing committees are still needed, such as the Finance Committee and LION staff. Jane F. noted that as an organization, we struggle to get people together for meetings so perhaps the working groups would have a chairperson or work remotely so that we may get more done but she noted that this may take a while to organize. Joe F. related that the Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting in September so they will tighten the document up and present the final document at the October meeting. He went on to say that when we finish this process it would be a great sense of accomplishment for all of LION. Jane F. thanked Joe F. for his great leadership.

6. Killingworth Library Quote: Killingworth PL is considering joining LION or Bibliomation and has been provided a quote by Joe F.

VII. REPORTS

1. LION Staff: Air conditioning was out for 2 weeks at the LION offices and the LION staff worked diligently to keep the server room cool enough to run Sierra. Joe F. stated that the LION staff did a great job handling problems and providing service to the member libraries. Triple I (iii) has a new sales representative who seems to be very responsive so far. She is going to provide Joe with a quote to move to hosted model in a couple of years. He will continue to pass that information on to the Board. Steve at Riverbend has agreed to move Shared Objects collection and is procuring bins to move forward. Rick W. will be out on sick leave for 6 weeks starting on Friday. He will be monitoring things from home while recovering. Currently, Rick W. is working on design of Madison's temporary space and outfitting it for the computers. If members are still experiencing PIKA issues with API, have staff create screenshots and send to Pika@lioninc.org (is this correct?)

2. LION Committees:

Nominating: None.

Finance: Haven't met over the past couple of months but will be meeting in fall.

Personnel: None.

Planning/Negotiations: None.

Bibliographic: Meeting 9/11 @ 9:30 in East Lyme

Circulation: Meeting 11/8 (time and place?)

LUX: Meeting 9/12 (time and place?)

eBooks: Joe F. and Andy G. speaking with Baker & Taylor and will meet with eBook committee to discuss.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Beth C. is leaving Madison to take the position of Director of the Cheshire PL. She thanked the Board for a wonderful experience in LION over last 6 years and she will miss everyone. Suzanne Maryeski is retiring from New London. Beth C. congratulated her on a job well done.

The next meeting will be at Russell Library on October 23rd at 9:30.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Beth C. made a motion to adjourn at 10:37. Seconded by Richard C. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jess Lobner, Secretary.