

LYNX! Directors Meeting
June 26, 2009
Mountain Home Public Library

Present: Nancy Gurney, Hailey Public; Mary Dewalt, Ada Community; Lisa Zeiter, Garden City; Elaine Leppert, Caldwell; Susan Ash, Twin Falls; Kevin Booe, Boise; Luise House, Mountain Home; Patty Younger, Meridian; Alyce Kelly, Emmett; Janice Campbell, Eagle and Beth Neunaber, Nampa. Others; Laurel White, Boise, Gina Persichini, Idaho Commission for Libraries.

Minutes were approved for the March meeting. MS Booe/Zeiter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Guidebook Review; Mary reported that the following revisions were made;

Appendix A&D pgs 17 & 36: 2-6 yr strategic plan

Consortium Website was changed to <http://lynx.lili.org> (pg4)

Emmett Library was added to all the appropriate pages

The Agreement for LYNX! Consortium services notes that the compensation section is under review

LYNX! Consortium Membership Standards has been added

The Guidebook will be posted on the LYNX! Website with above changes.

Open Access Service Study Committee Report:

Kevin presented a draft LYNX! Agreement Proposed Modification for Compensation and a Compensation Procedure draft.

Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of the compensation proposal and how it would work. Kevin and Laurel gave an overview for the means of arriving at the compensation rate, and noted that the new proposal would take negotiating between libraries out of the equation. Laurel and Brad have been working on the reports that will be used to show how many borrowers are using each library. One of the issues is that the Horizon system sees a unique address as one that is identical; therefore each library will have to clean up their patron databases so that addresses for family members are all entered uniformly. Discussion then took place regarding how to rewrite the LYNX! Consortium Agreement. Susan made the point that for Twin Falls and Hailey reciprocal borrowing and returning of materials is an important part of the agreement for them, since they do not use the courier system.

Kevin suggested that we differentiate between areas, Luise asked that terms be better defined, tiers stated and levels of membership defined. Kevin suggested using the term Boise Metro Area as a definition and all agreed. It was agreed by all that this is a work in progress and we will have to continue to tweak it, but that at least this is a good beginning. Elaine Leppert made the motion to adopt the modification for compensation and the Compensation Procedure for one year, Mary Dewalt seconded and motion was approved.

Kevin suggested we work with the Galliard Group to help rewrite the entire LYNX! Agreement Contract. The Directors will provide the Galliard Group with an outline of what they want and when they want it done by, hopefully by October 1, 2009. Kevin will

send an outline with a scope of work via email to work on. Kevin will get an estimate as to cost and it was the consensus that we use the extra funds that the Consortium has available to pay for the consultation.

By-Laws:

Nancy will rewrite the by laws with the suggested updates and send them via e-mail for corrections or additions. Kevin motioned and Lisa seconded that the by-laws be approved via e-mail, motion approved. (by-laws attached as approved)

Other:

Mary announced that they had received the grant for the Big Read in 2010, which is "To Kill a Mockingbird". Elaine announced that they have many copies of the book if anyone needs them. Mary will keep everyone posted regarding programming and materials etc.

Laurel gave an update on Horizon. There will be an upgrade probably near the end of August or first part of September. Horizon will be going to 7.4.2, hip will go to 3.0.9. This is the final 7.4 upgrade and then Horizon will go to 7.5. Sirsi will continue to support Horizon until at least 2015. Sirsi will be sending a new bill, which will be approximately \$65,000, last year was \$58,400. Everyone needs to e-mail Laurel by July 6th with the number of current work stations that have Horizon on them, but not HIP.

Luise announced that Mountain Home is no longer indebted to Sirsi!! YEAH

New Business:

Emmett Public Library Update

Alyce reported that their connection to Boise is established, they have their routers, computers are set up, contracts are signed, 75% of collection is bar coded and patron applications and cards are ready to go. They are waiting for the Horizon software to arrive so they can begin training. Alyce asked if anyone had any guideline for training of staff to send them her way. The plan is for Emmett to go live January 2010.

Louise noted that Emmett was in a provisional status as of the October 2008 meeting and that this needed to be changed. The provisional status was based on Emmett receiving the grant, which they did, and also that their hours be increased, which they have done.

A motion was made that Emmett Library be approved, without courier service, as a member of the LYNX! Consortium. M/S Elaine/Kevin & all approved.

News/Reports:

Eagle; Budget cut \$470,000 over 17 months, but should improve by 2011. They have lost 40hrs and cut 1/3 of their staff. Even though they lost 31% of hours their usage is down only 9%.

Boise; Kevin reported that the Cole & Ustick branch opens on Tuesday June 30th, the preview party on June 24th was very well received. Boise has cut operating budget 2.6% and had to lay off 9 people, but have been utilizing volunteers.

Nampa; Summer Reading numbers are high. Hours have been cut back by 4, but still very busy. Board has approved a revised strategic plan and working on a new Technology plan. Beth was elected to PLA Division Chair position.

Twin Falls; SAM not up and running yet, but hopefully by July. Summer Reading very successful and they also have adult summer reading and a teen summer reading program. They had a great 100 year celebration, very successful. With the rain the leaks in the roof became very noticeable so will be putting on a new one. Front entrance is getting a complete remodel. The bronze reading statue donated by the Foundation is looking for a location.

Idaho Commission for Libraries; Gina reported that Charlotte Fowles has resigned and she (Gina) is now doing LILI D. Gina encouraged everyone to sign up for “The Career Information System” offered through the Commission and Dept of Labor. Open meeting laws have changed. E audio will end in Sept, looking at a group purchase, but the price doesn’t seem to be in most library budgets at this time. The Commission has made a counter offer.

Ada; Mary reported that they are dealing with capacity issues and looking at various options. They are leasing space from a greenhouse for now. Tutoring on line is now available thanks to the Wal-Mart Grant and text a librarian is coming soon.

Emmett; Alyce said they are waiting for a grant to fix their building and may have an individual who will donate the money. They hope to put in a foyer and move friend’s book sale to that area. Also looking for ways to expand space as their usage is up 30%. Currently using a conference room to help with noise issues. A recycling theme was used for Summer Reading.

Mountain Home; Luise reported that their budget is doing ok so far and haven’t had to cut any staff. Not enough parking, coffee shop open again and a great enhancement to the library. They have just begun Summer Reading, decided to wait until later in the season.

Meridian; Patty reported they are also very busy and in the middle of Summer Reading. The Silverstone branch is open. Due to a donation of a building by the Kleiner family they will be opening another branch, no date yet.

Garden City; Lisa said they are highly impacted by the 5 holds limit and so are needing to order more books. No new construction.

Hailey; Nancy reported a 10% cut in their budget, but no loss of hours or staff. Working on getting the Mallory Photographic collection digitized and available on the Web. The reorganization project continues, staff has moved most of the adult non fiction and doing a lot of weeding.

Caldwell; Elaine said their budget is flat. Need to replace cooling system. Summer Reading is very busy.

Future Action Items:

1. Sept, 2009 Mtg: Chair & Secretary Rotation
2. Mar, 2010 Mtg: Annual Guidebook Review, All members complete Standards Survey for review
3. Oct, 2009 Mtg: Review LYNX Agreement
4. Sept, 2009 Mtg: By Laws

Next meeting will be September 18th at West Boise Branch, Dec 18th Meridian

