

LION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
9:30 a.m.
January 24, 2017
Russell Library, Middletown, CT

Present: Bonny Albanese (MA), Marian Amodeo (HA), Colleen Bailie (WH), Deb Barberi (MI), Gale Bradbury (LE) Nancy Bruckner (OT), Richard Conroy (EX), Beth Crowley (MA), Jane Fisher (WA), Janet Flewelling (WA), Andy Gardner (LION), Michael Gilroy (EH), Alan Hagyard (LION), Katie Huffman (OL), Bob Hull (NB/NT), Pat LaTerza (NH) Suzanne Maryeski (NL), Cornell McNair (NW), Alice Pentz (ST), Tom Piezzo (HA), Matt Poland (MI), Karen Roesler (ME), Sandy Ruoff (GU), Kathleen Sasso (ELHS), Cyndi Shirshac (DU), Lisa Timothy (EL), Michele Van Epps (OS) Eric Werthmann (WD), Rick Widlansky (LION)

- I. Call to Order: Marian Amodeo called the meeting to order at 9:40.
- II. There were no additions to the Agenda
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Approval of Minutes December 13, 2016. Karen R moved to approve. Jane F. seconded. Approved
- V. Treasurer Report: Bob Hull said the report was fine. Eric R. moved to approve. Sandy R. seconded. Approved.
- VI. ACTION/DISCUSSION
 1. Bill Memorial Library: Alan said he was approached by the Bill Memorial Library in Groton about becoming a member of LION. He said they are a small library comparable to WWML and Ivoryton, with an active patron base. The criteria established in 2010 require the library be in a town adjacent to another LION library and they are. Also, we are not at full membership of 30 libraries now. (28)
Discussion followed regarding the expense of bringing records from a SIRSI system and the challenge of the timing as LION is facing a change in leadership over the coming year. There was discussion of the advantage of future possible membership with Groton and Waterford Libraries.
Sandy R. made a motion in support of the Bill Memorial Library request. Colleen B. seconded. More discussion followed about when LION would deny a request and the challenge of the timing. Lisa T. amended the motion to supporting the request with a delayed start. All approved, with Matt P. abstaining.
 2. DeliverIT: After the State Board meeting on Jan. 23 members of the short and long term task force are asking for feedback on the DeliverIT Assessment report submitted to the State Library. They will be meeting Feb. 8 at the Middletown Library Service Center. The next State Board meeting is March 27. Both Richard and Matt said that the consensus is there will be delivery participation fees for libraries in the future. In the meantime the HOLDS list and message are causing a decrease in circulation at most libraries. Sandy suggested using LION Board reserve funds to help defray delivery costs

if the State cuts the service. Janet suggested hiring a software consultant to help make the ILS system work more efficiently in filling holds. Please send further comments to Melissa Canham-Clyne.

3. Next meeting: February 28th, 9:30 at Russell Library in Middletown.

VII. REPORTS

1. LION Staff: Alan spoke to an Overdrive rep. at ALA. Overdrive is implementing a change this spring to the Advantage set up that will allow holds to be placed for other libraries. He previewed a service, DOBLET, a portable phone charger that libraries can lend at a \$45 a month fee.

Andy ran stats on 2016 that showed total circulation down 5%, placed holds down 22% and filled holds down 16% showing the mandated limits worked.

Rick is waiting to meet with CEN rep. Middletown will be the first library to begin filtering on Feb. 1.

2. LION Committees

Nominating - None

Finance - None, report at next meeting

Personnel - None

Planning - Karen R. reported that the Ex. Committee met with a consultant from FIO Partners about the Executive Search. The result was a survey sent out to LION members.

Bibliographic - Nancy B. said the next meeting would be late spring or early summer. She said more catalogers need to attend the meeting.

Circulation - Bonny A. said they met in Dec.. The main topic was DeliverIT and they would like to get back to best practices such as 7 days on HOLD shelf

LUX – Janet reminded members that Shoutbomb went live in January and to promote to public

eBooks - Deb B. reports stats are way up with 15,000+ holds for the month. 8745 holds on the collection. Average wait is 25 days.

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Colleen B. at 10:40 and seconded by Matt P.