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Utah State Library Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 14, 2019

11:00 a.m. – 1:17 p.m.

Official Place of Board Meeting
Utah State Library
250 N. 1950 W. Ste A., Board Room
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116
801.715.6729

State Library Board Attendees:

Chad Hutchings, Vice Chair; Carrie Valdes; Linda Fields; Garret Rose; Marguerite Mower; Lisa Ord; and Grace Acosta

Utah State Library (USL) Staff:

Colleen Eggett, State Librarian/Division Director; Lisa Nelson, Blind and Disabled Program Manager; Marie Erickson, Library Resources Program Manager; Chaundra Johnson, Library Development Program Manager; Britton Lund, Bookmobile Program Manager; Sharon Deeds, Youth Services; and Amanda Rock, Administrative Secretary

Department of Heritage & Arts (DHA) Staff:

Jill Remington Love, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Ms. Acosta in Mr. Hutchings absence. Mr. Hutchings, Vice Chair, arrived a few minutes later to run the meeting. Jon Ostler, Board Chair, was excused.

Introductions:

Board members and staff verbally identified themselves.

Minutes of March 15, 2018 Meeting:

Ms. Mower moved to accept the minutes as drafted with Ms. Valdes seconding the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy discussion and vote re: Government Documents “Major Public Interest”:

Ms. Erickson discussed proposed changes to the following statute: 9-7-207 Deposit of state publications.

The proposed definition of “major public interest” reads: “Major public interest: Materials of public interest that the majority of the state's population is likely to have a stake in being able to personally access. This does not mean the majority of the state's population must actually be accessing the materials. For example, because current state laws affect all state residents, the majority of the state's population has a stake in being able to personally access the current state laws, even if only a minority of state residents are actually accessing them. By contrast, only a minority of the population is likely to have a stake in being able to personally access superseded state laws.”

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Ms. Acosta motioned to accept the definition of “major public interest” as written, except for the phrase, “for example”. Ms. Ord seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming State Library Board Meeting dates:

There was a discussion about future meeting dates. All board members voted they could attend a meeting scheduled for **Friday, September 13th**. Ms. Acosta moved to schedule the next meeting on September 13th. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously. Two more meeting dates were decided upon: **December 6, 2019** and **March 20, 2020**. Ms. Acosta moved to approve the two meeting dates, Ms. Ord seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative and the motion passed unanimously.

Follow up on the Online Court Assistance Program (OCAP) and Utah Center for Legal Inclusion (UCLI) resources for libraries:

Ms. Acosta, along with Cliff Parkinson, presented on this topic at the Utah Library Association (ULA) Conference. The title of their presentation was “Legal Inclusion for all”. She noted that “people were very receptive” to the program. To address more needs in the community, a refugee outreach program was developed to help refugees learn about workplace rights, landlord tenant rights, and how to interact with police. This seminar, which will increase awareness of how to interact with judicial system, will be hosted at libraries.

Ms. Eggett stated that USL will help disseminate information about the program. Ms. Johnson invited Ms. Acosta to present at the upcoming Library Director’s Summit.

Dashboard Report

Ms. Lund briefed the Board on the statistics displayed on the Dashboard, which are available on USL’s website.

Staff reports

Ms. Erickson reported that a new staff member will start work at the end of the month. She is working on a Request for Proposal to replace the Government Digital Library. She will be meeting with vendors as the next step. The Grantsville Public Library is joining the Utah Collections Consortium. She is excited to have them join the Polaris family. They will share platform fees and the Library Resources team will provide tech support.

Ms. Nelson shared that she has hired a new receptionist who will start on June 25th. The Blind and Disabled Program hosted their first interactive story time with children from the National Federation for the Blind Bell Program. Ms. Nelson is hoping to host another story time next year.

Ms. Lund stated she will be traveling to see the new bookmobiles, which are half-way through production. They should be finished in October. She spoke at a commission meeting in Sanpete County to gather support for the Bookmobile program, and was invited to appear on a local radio show. The 2020 Bookmobile Conference will take place March 23, 24, and 25th.

Ms. Johnson has hired a replacement for Juan Lee, who is now the director for Wasatch County Library. She will also be hiring a technology innovation coordinator as well. She hired an intern to help out with

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the Virtual Reality project, which included five school and rural libraries. Libraries are currently going through the recertification process. Sharon Deeds, Youth Services, is working with My529 to award \$1000 scholarships through the Summer Reading program. The Leap Into Science program is continuing.

Ms. Eggett handed out information about the Summer Reading program and information about the upcoming census. She stated that libraries play an important role in encouraging and helping the public participate in the census. She stressed the importance of a complete count because LSTA uses those numbers to allocate resources. She shared that Ms. Nelson won an award for her work with deafblind awareness, and that Governor Herbert declared June 24-30 as Helen Keller Deafblind Awareness Week. She updated the group on the Spike 150 Celebration library displays. Twenty libraries received books and promotional material. The displays have been so popular, the libraries have to keep adding more and more books for the public to check out. Lastly, Ms. Eggett expressed her gratitude to Ms. Valdes, who has served on the Library Board for eight years. Today was her last meeting.

DHA Update

Ms. Love stated that one of the biggest issues DHA is working on is to make sure everyone in the state has access to libraries. Ms. Love thanked Sharon Deeds for her work on the Spike 150 project. Over 20,000 people attended the Golden Spike Sesquicentennial Celebration and Festival at Promontory Summit on May 10th, and over 60,000 school-age children watched on television. She shared that a new director for Multi-Cultural Affairs was hired. The Utah STEM Action Center is now part of DHA, and there is potential for a lot of overlap with other programs. A department priority for the last legislative session was securing a collection facility for the department's historical artifacts. They will be housed in a museum on Capitol Hill which will be built where the office building currently stands. She informed the board that DHA is undergoing a "legislative deep-dive" where the legislature is micro-analyzing the budget of every division in the department. She would like Muse, the department's cultural magazine, published twice a year, to be available in libraries.

Mr. Rose announced that this was his last meeting as he has accepted a new position. His replacement at the Board of Education will serve on the board.

Mr. Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

Amanda Rock
Administrative Secretary