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RRLC Advisory Committee Meeting
January 3, 2012
RRLC Office

Present: Jim Belair, Lynn Brown, Katie Clark, Charlotte Cooper, Catherine Doyle, Cassie Guthrie, Beth Horn, Melissa Jadlos, Kate Jenkins, Judy Marsh, Jen McLaughlin, Kathy Miller, Mary Jo Orzech, Laura Osterhout, Sally Snow, Julia Sollenberger

Excused: Shirley Bower, Mary Carlin, Ellen Dietterick, Sara Greenleaf, Lu Harper, Ed Lewek, Cyril Oberlander, Dan Zager

Julia Sollenberger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Julia asked if the committee wanted to remove any of the items and discuss them as a separate topic. The items are as listed:

- a. Approval of minutes of the November 8, 2011 meeting
- b. Director's Report
- c. Grant Updates

As there were no objections to the consent agenda, all of the items were adopted [motion: Cathy Doyle; second: Charlotte Cooper].

Laura Osterhout reported on the continuing education program *Tech Camp Rochester* to be held at RIT on January 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The camp will feature 20 mini-sessions throughout the day on different technologies, tools, and gadgets; there will be an "Extra Helpings" bar for help with tools, apps, and gadgets, and an "Electronic Petting Zoo" to get up close and personal with different gadgets and devices, i.e. the new Kindle Fire. Over 100 people have registered to attend this exciting event.

Committee on Information Technology (CITE) Report

Kathy Miller reported for the CITE Committee. Committee notes, the draft Request for Proposals, and CITE recommendations for 2012 funding are in the packets [these items were also sent prior to the meeting].

The committee met in December and reviewed the draft Plan of Service. They also discussed updates on the 2011 automation projects and looked toward upcoming projects for 2012.

Kathy stated that RRLC was notified by the state that it will receive the 2011 RBDB money. "Member grant" recipients will soon be notified that they can proceed with 2011 projects (checks will be mailed as soon as RRLC receives the money from the state).

Kathy noted that the CITE Committee recommended continuing the regional projects:

- Training
- Regional catalog through WorldCat
- Historical Newspapers
- CONTENTdm (participation in New York Heritage)

The committee also agreed to set aside \$10,000 for innovative projects that the Council would undertake provided that the quality of the Council's Continuing Education Program isn't compromised. Kathy used as an example the WNYLRC pilot projects: patron drive acquisition and Ebook project. Seed money was used to help develop these projects.

The committee also discussed whether member projects should be continued as there is such a low amount of money available. Kathy stated that the committee agreed it is still a good idea as it offers some help for libraries to start their projects; all types of libraries are still adding content to the newspaper digitization project; and many innovative projects in the past have developed from member projects.

Kathy reviewed the CITE recommendations for 2012 budget sheet. The total estimated amount available is \$166,682. This takes into consideration the expected 3.5% additional library aid cut in the Governor's proposal.

Kathy stated that the RFP would go out Friday pending Board approval on Thursday. Applications are due February 10, 2012.

The committee voted to accept the CITE Committee's recommendation for the 2012 Regional Bibliographic Databases Program proposal and RFP and forward it to the Board for approval.

NY3Rs Cooperative Services Update

Kathy gave an update on the NY3Rs Association, Inc. projects:

- Procurement for statewide delivery service. The draft RFP for vendor comment is available at empirelibrarydelivery.org. The final RFP will be issued in February in order to have the new service in place by July 1.
- WNYLRC Ebook pilot for shared e-books with Ebook Library (EBL), expanded now to include NY3Rs. WNYLRC and the NY3Rs Association, Inc. have contributed funding towards the project; the pilot project will be implemented in March.
 - Discussions have been held with Sue Polanka, ebook blogger and guru to get background knowledge and expertise about e-books.
 - Public and School Library Systems are discussing different models for ebook sharing and looking at new platforms. Possibly this could be a joint LSTA project.
- Discounted pricing for electronic databases. Discussions continue with Lyris, including the WALDO databases. Not many members switched over to Lyris last year; EBSCO didn't want to work with Lyris. Special pricing for RRLC members was available for Project MUSE eBooks.
- Boopsie (boopsie.com) for library catalogs. This mobile application is for all types of libraries and has many features including bar-code scanning technology that makes it easy to find out if a book is available in your catalog. The NY3Rs Association, Inc. is investigating discounted pricing for libraries across the state.

Budget Update

Kathy stated that RRLC has been notified that the state is releasing RBDB and HLSP money. She inquired about CCDA funding but hasn't heard when those funds will be released.

Kathy stated that the library systems are working together on several meetings with local legislators. Some of the appointments will take place in school libraries (the legislators will read to the children and then meet with the systems).

RRLC Library of the Year 2012

Laura stated that RRLC will hold the RRLC Library of the Year contest again this year to celebrate National Library Week. This year the contest has been moved up in order to give RRLC time to complete the videotaping.

RRLC is working with the same designer as last year to create a poster. RRLC will send an announcement to members the first week in February; posters will be available then. Nominations will be accepted by email or fax this year. The National Library Week contest will begin February 20, nominations are due by March 16. The winners will be recognized at the RRLC Annual Membership Meeting in June.

Kathy encouraged members to participate and noted that it is a good opportunity to promote their library internally. RRLC contacts the winners' town and state elected officials, Board of Trustees, college presidents, etc.

RRLC Plan of Service Discussion

Kathy stated that the Plan of Service will go out to the membership this week or next for comment. The latest version in the packet [also sent out prior to the meeting] includes input from the Planning Committee as well as various committees of the Council.

Cathy Doyle noted that the committee's thought for the Plan of Service was to not do "business as usual"; they created a framework and the flexibility to implement new ideas.

Kathy stated that there is one more opportunity to offer input before the Plan is sent to the Board for approval and then submitted to the state.

Meeting summary

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at the Council office.

Julia will take the 2012 RBDB RFP to the Board of Trustees on Thursday for approval.

Participant's Time

Committee members gave library updates.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.