

July 8, 2021
STLA Meeting Minutes

Present Board Members - Andrea Dillaway-Huber, Donna Bird, John Emerick, Jen Yetter, Sherry Auman, Laurel Quigley, and Lisa Hoopes.

Absent: n/a

Others Present - Colleen Brown, Barbara Kline, Douglas Sherry, Kimberly Rice, and Jestyn Payne

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Motion to approve consent agenda (with revisions to minutes) made by Donna; motion carried.

Director's Report - nothing to add to the report.

Jess will be the youth coordinator for both libraries at 30 hours/week.

John (Spring Friends) offered money for the youth program if needed.

Assistant Director's Report - Sixty-three kids signed up for the summer reading program. Seven signed up virtually. Two new hires- Melany Canela and Laurel's daughter. Both will work at either library.

BCPL Meeting - August 18th. Lisa and Laurel will be attending.

Stephanie Williams - gave her annual update/reminders

Old Business -

Supervisor Meeting - Jen met with them to review our discussion with Bruce. Currently we pay \$9.56/ sq, normally \$20/sq ft. Going to be hard to find more space for less in Spring Township.

Fundraising idea - Round up dollar amount at grocery stores? Jen is meeting with a friend to discuss her idea and ask for help.

New Business:

Membership Agreement: Stephanie Williams; standard reminders to all boards. PDF remarks will be sent to Barb Kline. System membership, yes, systems do have the authority to update, comes from the Governor's advisory council. State liaison was aware changes were being made and will communicate the changes. Library code for members of a library system. 6 standards referenced specifically mentioned. Blanket waiver; budget passed last week, but still don't have guidance from the office of

Commonwealth for these guidelines. Waiting to hear from the state. System will not honor any state waiver, which is different from past experience. District consultant is Stephanie. Amy is system administrator – county, commissioners, board.

Reading District library center; designated as the district library center by the Commonwealth. No funding, formula, etc. as distinction. Library center is a liaison to the Commonwealth. Funding comes from the state directly for the center. Section 3.1; confusing. Financial penalties; not clearly stated of when, who, how to be enacted. A concern is that there did not appear to be an appeal process. Not all libraries are treated the same; monetarily. Section 3.2; concession to the smaller, less well funded libraries. Deficiency appears to be latitude to allow the board to weigh the financial penalties.

Dates are confusing. Effective January 2022. Penalties effective 2023. Results base of 2022 for 2023. Issues arise in 2021; failure to meet standards. 2022 you need to make a plan to fix. If not fixed by 2023, penalties enacted. If corrected, no penalty.

A monetary penalty, addressed in the next payment after the assessment of the deficiency. Penalty won't come as a surprise. You will know there is an issue, make a plan, progress on the plan, end result. Vague enough to give wiggle room.

Why not honor state waiver? à Paul Bradshaw, county solicitor, can answer this perhaps. System can focus on county funding. Stephanie can focus on state aid and with the state liaison. State does not fund libraries at all. Most funds come from the county.

udits must be submitted to Stephanie electronically by September 15th, 2021.

Membership and automation agreement - Jestyn is reviewing the agreement.

Round the table - Ice cream sale scheduled for December 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM; motion made by Donna; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Auman