

**NOBLE  
MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION MEETING  
AT NOBLE  
FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Seventeen libraries were represented at the meeting, attendance sheet attached.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Martha Holden called the meeting to order at 10:05.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Nadine Mitchell made a motion to approve Minutes from November 19, 2009. Linda Hummel-Shea seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** In Doug Rendell's absence Ron Gagnon reported spending is 52% as of January 31<sup>st</sup>. Dennis Kelley made a motion to accept report, Mark Ferrante seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Martha Holden reported NOBLE's two CD investment accounts have dropped in interest past couple of years. Executive Board discussed, at Ron Gagnon's recommendation, taking 5% of capital fund, \$60,000, and invest in mutual funds. Ron is researching different funds and will report to Executive Board at March meeting.

**MANAGERS' REPORT:**

**Ron Gagnon –**

- ALA Midwinter was last month, 7 NOBLE staff attended. Equinox was there with presentation. Ron, Martha and Elizabeth attended Evergreen Users Group.
- MassLNC project is moving forward. The three networks hired Kathy Lussier former Associate Director at Southwestern Region, she began Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Holding monthly meetings and weekly conference calls. Kathy is based at CW/MARS, she visited NOBLE to meet staff and discuss NOBLE. Continuing discussion with libraries, Martha investigating technical side. Sent out two surveys to libraries for different scenarios of how would want system to run.
- Met with John Henderson to negotiate EBSCO renewal contract.
- E-rate discount rate is up to 54%.
- Submitted proposal to NMRLS to takeover ILL north region, Andover not continuing.
- Legislative Day is March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Elizabeth Thomsen –**

- Reported Kathy is setting up meetings with staff from networks and library staff, to review how circ works and to discuss how want system to work.
- Continue to improve OverDrive collection, visited booth at Midwinter ALA. NOBLE received \$3,000 from NMRLS which will be used to start collection of 200 e-books. For now only ordering e-pub format, which is newer format. Choosing best sellers, classics available free on Web. Only one person can use e-book at a time, by license with publishers. Should be live in several days. Peabody and Gloucester contributed money to e-books.
- *Overdrive Roundtable* on March 23rd. Ordering updated posters, bookmarks to promote e-books.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> *Mass Memories and More*. Researching moving to open source Omeka software from D-Space for digital library.
- *Formats Roundtable* is March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Pat asked if could get group pricing for e-book readers.

**Martha Driscoll –**

- Continues to work on converting wireless networks to Comcast as well learning about Evergreen.

**VOTE TO APPROVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT GRANT:**

- Martha Holden explained the grant is to switch connectivity to library from private dedicated lines to more secure encrypted. Grant request is \$41,000 and NOBLE will contribute \$22,000 from capital.
- Ron explained the grant is due to the MBLC next week. The grant is to switch to cable internet connection, which will provide better throughput at a cost savings of \$35,000 a year. Current data line contract expires 6/30/11. Since LSTA grant is federal money won't be available until October. Time line is a year from now. All public traffic, staff and public PC's will be moved to cable internet lines. Outstanding issue is NOBLE central site, at this point Verizon and Comcast are not connected to our office park.

Martha Holden read the following motion:

“Moved that NOBLE submit an LSTA grant application to the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners seeking \$40,957.81 to subsidize the replacement of telecommunications equipment at public libraries and the central site firewall, and to provide VPN encryption clients at academic and special library members, to allow NOBLE to securely convert from a private dedicated data network to more cost-effective Internet connections. NOBLE will provide approximately \$22,200 from capital to the project, in addition to staff time support.”

Carol Gray moved to approve the motion as stated, Pat Cirone seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

**CIRCULATION SCENARIOS DISCUSSION:**

Ron explained a survey was sent out to libraries to with different circulation scenarios for libraries to respond to. We received 63 responses back. Elizabeth did presentation on the survey results. Clickers, provided by North Shore Community College, were distributed for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Myron Schirer-Suter made a motion to adjourn, Dennis Kelley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Courtemanche  
Secretary