

NOBLE Executive Board Meeting

January 8, 2020

Present: Ron Gagnon, Linda C. W. Gardener, Diane Wallace, Myron Schirer-Suter, Amy Lannon, Elizabeth Thomsen, Theresa Hurley, Brian Courtemanche, and Kathryn GeoffrionScannell, Alex Lent (Danvers PL)

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Meeting was called to order by President Kathryn GeoffrionScannell at 2:04 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the November meeting were unavailable. Linda moved to table, seconded, all in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

A maturing 19-month certificate of deposit with a current balance of \$531,695 will be renewed for a 12-month term at 1.8% at Beverly Bank/North Shore Bank.

4. Executive Director's Report

- NOBLE upgraded our Evergreen system to Release 3.3
- NOBLE will be receiving \$33,519.82, (20% more than originally announced) from the MBLC to support our shared Overdrive collection.
- Switched to a new web server on December 17th
- Two libraries requested a file of email address in the NOBLE system for their residents for newsletters and other projects. According to the NOBLE privacy policy, their request was denied. Patron email addresses are only to be used for notifications related their patron account.
- Value of NOBLE- 95% savings compared to individual standard pricing.

5. Subject Heading Change Request- Alex Lent, Danvers Public Library

A request was made to change the subject heading "illegal aliens". After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made (Amy Lannon) to request that members discuss the question of modifying the LC Subject Heading "illegal aliens", seconded, all in favor

6. Vote to amend Commonwealth Catalog Fines Vote of 8/10/16

Prior to August 2018, there were no fines. In August 2016, the Executive Board voted for a uniformed fine rate on ComCat items for all libraries. Motion made to allow libraries to set their own fine rate for ComCat items. Seconded, all in favor.

7. Cummings Foundation Grant Recognition

NOBLE has applied for the Cummings Foundation Grant for \$100,000 (\$25,000/year) over 4 years to add non-English Overdrive materials into the collection. One of the questions in the Cummings grant is about "Recognition in the Community." Ron proposed recognition in NOBLE social media posts and press release, noting on handouts, recognition in appropriate NOBLE meetings, and noting on the pages in our OverDrive site that benefit from the grant funding. Libraries would also be encouraged to promote the collections in their communities, citing the Cummings Foundation grant that made it possible.

8. Vote to Amend Proposed Borrowers Card Policy Change.

At prior member meeting, motion was made to send it back to Executive Board on 2 issues:

1. **Teens.** The current verbiage in the Borrower's Card Policy is "*If an applicant is 17 years and under, parent or legal guardian must provide proof of identification and address. The child/teen must be present for a parent or legal guardian to get them a library card.*" Motion was made to change it to "*If*

an applicant is 17 years and under, parent or legal guardian may provide proof of identification and address with the child present". This would address the issue of a parent or legal guardian obtaining a card without the child present and also not requiring a parent present if the teen has their own driver's license/ID.

2. Classroom sign-ups. Exempt from requirement

Motion made to send change back to members meeting, seconded, all in favor.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:52pm

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Hurley

Clerk