

NOBLE Executive Board Meeting October 9, 2013 @NOBLE

Present: Brian Courtemanche, Patricia Rogers, Carol Gray, Myron Schirer-Suter, Karen Pangallo, Alan Thibeault, Linda Hummel-Shea, Pat Cirone, Ron Gagnon, Elizabeth Thomsen and Martha Driscoll.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Brian Courtemanche

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the June 6, 2013, August 14, 2013, and September 11, 2013 were distributed. A motion to approve all three sets of minutes distributed was forwarded by Patricia Rogers and seconded by Karen Pangallo. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Karen distributed the Treasurer's Report reflecting figures as of September 30, 2013. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was forwarded by Alan Thibeault and seconded by Myron Schirer-Suter. Motion passed.

Audit Report:

The agenda was amended to include discussion of the report at this time. Ron Gagnon shared the audit report which gives a good snapshot of the previous year. All numbers are positive and the organization is in a good financial position. Form 990 has been filed with the Federal government and required forms were filed with the State. A motion to accept the audit report and government filings was forwarded by Karen Pangallo and seconded by Myron Schirer-Suter. Motion passed.

Executive Directors Report

MBLC

Ron Gagnon reported that NOBLE has received an additional \$21,000 from the MBLC in the telecommunications budget which is actually an overall budget increase of \$ 4,000 over last year's budget. In the past ten years, NOBLE has received approximately \$1.4 Million dollars from the MBLC in operational subsidies.

Ron Gagnon reported that Jamie LaRue, Director of Douglas County Library System in Colorado has been offered the position as MBLC director and is currently considering the position.

Programs

NOBLE hosted a successful weeding meeting chaired by Susan Conner on October 3. Upcoming roundtable meetings include circulation, acquisitions, OverDrive, technical services and social media.

Open Source Software

Dianne Carty of the MBLC polled networks on use of Open Source software. Ron Gagnon distributed an extensive list of the Open Source Software used by NOBLE.

Community Innovation Challenge Grant for OverDrive Video

Diane Wallace of Saugus shared information about the Community Innovation Challenge Grant at the last member's meeting. There was discussion about NOBLE developing a grant to fund an opening day collection for the OverDrive video service. Ron Gagnon reported that NOBLE is not eligible to apply, so the grant will not be pursued.

OverDrive

Elizabeth Thomsen continued discussion of the OverDrive video service. At this time, the collection requires patrons to download the video content. Content is not yet well developed. She reported that OverDrive may move to a streaming platform with the possible addition of major motion pictures. NOBLE will continue to follow OverDrive developments. Elizabeth suggested that the organization revisit the addition of video and other new content once a year.

Ron Gagnon presented 4 different scenarios for the FY'15 OverDrive assessments. Budget scenarios included \$40,000 divided by FY'13 usage, \$40,000 with 50% based on FY'13 usage and 50% based on relative amount charged last year, \$50,000 divided by FY'13 usage, and 50% based on FY'13 usage and 50% based on relative amount charged last year. Ron Gagnon also reported that NOBLE puts \$10,000 into the budget and last year individual libraries contributed \$38,000 to the purchase of new titles. A motion to accept the \$50,000 with 50% based on FY'13 usage and 50% based on relative amount charged last year was forwarded by Karen Pangollo and seconded by Brian Courtemanche. Motion passed.

PC Support and Web Hosting

Ron Gagnon reported that the PC support program has been running on a deficit for the past several years, partially funded by earlier years' surplus. The program has been able to add part-time staff that is of great benefit. NOBLE will switch over from Symantec Endpoint to a combination of Avast (free for nonprofits) and Microsoft Security Essentials. This combination should provide better security overall and will save \$6,000 annually. Ron also proposed addition of \$5 per PC fee to the FY'15 PC charge going from \$105 to \$110, and an increase from \$210 to \$220 for servers, an average of 4.5% per participating library. The NOBLE contribution to the program will also be increased. The cost and contribution increases will maintain the current level of staffing and service, and maintain backup staff and reserves should staff be out, especially for an extended period. FY15 Web Hosting cost will remain at \$300, the same as the current year. A motion was made by Patricia Rogers seconded by Karen Pangallo to support the proposed PC support budget for FY'15. Motion passed.

Capital Account

Ron Gagnon proposed moving \$69,847 designated for capital in the FY13 budget to the capital account. A motion to approve was forwarded by Carol Gray and seconded by Pat Cirone. Motion passed.

Academic cards in Public Libraries

The group discussed the recommendation from the Electronic Resources and Database Working Group proposing that academic cards be accepted at public libraries. All present were in favor and in agreement that the recommendation should be taken up at the next meeting of the membership.

Evergreen International Conference

A motion was forwarded by Linda Hummel-Shea and seconded by Pat Cirone supporting NOBLE sponsorship of the 2104 Evergreen International Conference at a Bronze level of \$500. The conference will be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Motion passed.

Evergreen

Martha Driscoll is configuring a new server that will house SYRUP and should provide more flexibility than the training server where it is currently housed. Elizabeth Thomsen shared news that a new mobile catalog will be offered in the upcoming release 2.5. A new staff client is also in development and that development will be ongoing in the next couple of years. Ron Gagnon reported that MassLNC has a \$45,000 grant to look for bottlenecks in Evergreen and work to speed up throughput.

Alan Thibeault moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hummel-Shea, Secretary