

Vermont Library Association Board Meeting
March 9, 2010, 10am-Noon
Norwich Public Library

Present: John Payne, Lisa Von Kann, Lucinda Walker, Charlotte Gerstein, Helen Linda, Kip Roberson, Sharon Thayer, Wynne Browne, David Sturges

1. Approval of minutes – Action on this is postponed to the next meeting due to late distribution of minutes.
2. Sharon Thayer - Membership update. We have 179 members, 100 of which have come in since the last meeting. We also have 21 new members and many renewals from those with previously lapsed memberships. It was noted that the President's letter and accompanying mailings helped bring in many renewals. After April 1, Sharon will do a postcard mailing to those who still have not renewed.
3. Wynne Browne – Budget update. Not much new to report. We are operating within our budget. Wynne made the recommendation to transfer \$5000 from our checking account to the CD that we have. It would accrue some additional interest if moved there. This was approved by the board. Wynne also noted that we have about \$1700 in our account for the John Swaan lecture series and appears not to have been used last year.
4. A question was raised regarding the VLA archives and archiving the VLA website. We will ask Paul Carnahan at the Vermont Historical Society about this.
5. Helen Linda – Substitute Librarian Pool. Helen has created some Google forms to be used for individuals to enter their information into this pool. There are a few technical issues to be resolved, but this should be up and running in a few weeks. In April, libraries will be notified to designate someone from their library to have access to this database. In May, individuals should be able to begin entering their information. Individuals will use a form to enter their availability and then that data will become part of a Google Spreadsheet that library designees will have access to. Libraries can post volunteer and substitute needs. John thanked Helen for all her work.
6. Kip Roberson and John Payne - Conference report. Kip reported that the committee is working on finalizing workshop descriptions and speaker biographies. This should be completed soon. There is a committee meeting next week in Montpelier. Lots of vendors have contacted the committee to ask about attending, but this year we had decided not to have vendors. Maybe we will revisit this next year.

John noted that registration badges will be checked for admission to the sessions.

7. Other

a) Lucinda Walker – Public Libraries Section. Will be holding programs on 4/9 in Barre and 4/26 in Hartland and the topic will be “Librarians as Social Workers”. See the VLA website for more information.

b) Charlotte – College and Special Libraries Section. Two events are planned in the coming months. A school/academic librarian summit is planned for the VSLA spring conference. There will also be an instruction roundtable held at Castleton State College on June 4th. Reference and instruction librarians will share different approaches to these services.

c) Government Relations Committee – Not much happening since libraries are not enthusiastic about lobbying legislators. John encouraged everyone to take with their legislators and provide updates on activities, but not necessarily ask for money.

d) The next meeting is at Goddard College and Wordpress training will be provided. Helen will make the necessary arrangements.

Adjourned 11:40