

**Northern Onondaga Public Library
Monthly Board Meeting
October 19, 2009**

Attending: Charlotte LaPorte, Pat Bragman, Lynda Holbrook, Pat Madigan, Kate Kuryla, Barb Irwin, Bob Lalley, Sue Kowalski and Library Director, Kate McCaffrey.

Absent: Sue Berti, Seth Groesbeck, Rob Bick, Linda Parise.

Guests: Pete Ward (Single Source), Bob Manning (OCPL), Lynne Yackel, Camille Luteran and Jill Wiechmann.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Presentation by Pete Ward of Single Source Facility Solutions with fall update on maintenance services and concerns.

Presentation by Bob Manning with updates on current events happening at Onondaga County Public Library. The county legislature rejected the county executive's budget, and came back with a budget that involves layoffs instead of a reduction in hours for employees. OCPL will lose four positions, but two are currently vacant. The other two positions are a clerk 1 and a librarian 1, and the individuals in those positions will move into the branches to fill vacancies there, so that no one will lose their job. Some reduction in services at the Central Library is anticipated. The OCPL board's government relations committee will be meeting with congressional representatives' staff members on October 27 regarding grant money for the libraries. There are tentative plans to arrange a luncheon event with one of the Gifford Lecture Series' authors. County library trustees would be invited, as a way to thank them for their hard work. There will more information to follow. This year's Legislative breakfast will be at the Golisano Children's Hospital on December 4th. Trustees are encouraged to come to speak to legislators on behalf of library funding. More information will be sent to Kate regarding this event.

Motion to Approve last month's board minutes by Pat Bragman; 2nd by Pat Madigan; All in favor—
Motion Approved.

President

- Would like to appoint a nominating committee for electing of new officers at our December meeting. Sue Berti, Pat Madigan and Lynda Holbrook will serve on this committee. Kate McCaffrey will assist in looking into reviewing NOPL's by-laws.

Vice President – No Report

Corresponding Secretary – No Report

Treasurer Report – by Kate McCaffrey

- Abstract #10 discussed by board members.

Motion to Approve Abstract #10 in the amount of \$66,853.22 by Pat Madigan; 2nd by Barb Irwin; All in favor—Motion Approved.

Trustee Reports

- Sue Kowalski attended NYLA this past week. Discussed programs of interest and theme that libraries are for more than checking out books. They are community centers and gathering places.

Director Report

- The Polaris Express Check terminal for North Syracuse has arrived and will be in operation soon.
- The Cicero Friends will donate \$4300 toward the installation of a projection and sound system with a lockable cabinet, for the Community Room. From our operating budget NOPL will pay for a Blu-Ray/DVD player, the electrical work, and any incidental costs beyond the vendor quote. The Cicero Friends are holding a Book & Bake Sale on Saturday, October 24th.
- Carol Westcott, Meg Backus and Nicole Hershberger have been working with JOOMLA, an open source (free) content management system (CMS) for the creation of websites. They are gathering input from the staff, and will meet with the Technology Team at the end of the month to show us some possible “looks” for a new NOPL website.
- **Lynne Yackel** has been recognized for the work she did in hiring and mentoring library page Erin Bartholomae, who was hired Enable’s Work Try-Out program in April of 2008. The awards are a Regional Award for the Central New York Region of the Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities, and an Employer of the Year Award sponsored by the Cerebral Palsy Association of New York.

New Business

Motion to Approve 2009 Election Results by Lynda Holbrook; 2nd by Sue Kowalski; All in favor—Motion Approved.

Motion to Approve the closing of all three libraries until 2 p.m. on Friday, November 13th, for the purpose of staffing training by Sue Kowalski; 2nd by Pat Madigan; All in favor—Motion Approved.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:07 p.m. by Barb Irwin; 2nd by Bob Lalley; All in favor—Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully by,
Marianne Vaughn