

**HUNTERDON COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
HUNTERDON COUNTY LIBRARY
NORTH COUNTY BRANCH LIBRARY
65 HALSTEAD STREET
CLINTON, NEW JERSEY
April 16, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Library Commission was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Thomas Valasek, Kenneth Jagel, William Newitt, Nouhad Jensen, Peter Craig, Library Director Mark Titus, Freeholder Ron Sworen.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

Read by Thomas Valasek.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jean Allured-Sujet reported on the Friends.

The annual book sale is over. Ms. Allured-Sujet gave some figures:

- 4,500 transactions
- 500 cars were parked during the peak hours
- 1,500 people rode the buses over the two days
- \$90,000.00 gross was made
- 61 organizations gleaned after the sale
- The children's area was totally sold out
- 32 gaylords (large cardboard boxes) were filled
- Over 200 volunteers participated

Staff from Milford and Flemington libraries, Headquarters and North County Branch came Thursday to go over the books. They will give reports on the value of the materials collected.

The Friends made \$3,600.00 from the private sale, which will go toward the scholarship fund.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Peter Craig moved approval of the March 19, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Nouhad Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Jean Allured-Sujet would like the Library Commission present when the plaque for the Friendship Garden is installed.
- This is National Library Week. The Courier News website has slides from the WDVR program. Other programs are scheduled for the week.
- The bookmobile will be at Basil Bandwagon on Saturday, April 16. It will be more of a presence in the community.
- HRLC held a workshop at North County Branch recently. We had staff members attend. We are trying to schedule more workshops in order to qualify for State Aid. Employees recently attended a PUG (Polaris Users Group) meeting.
- We are getting ready for summer reading.
- There will be a Poetry Slam on April 27. County Counsel Guy DeSapio and Warren Cooper from the Hunterdon County Democrat will be the poets.
- Summer programs are being planned.
- A Library Calculator is now on our website.

The Library Commission would like to know if a counter can be put on the webpage to see how many people use it.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter to Senior Library Assistant Buff Barr, copy given to Mark Titus, from Jeanne Ferrari, dated April 8, 2010, regarding assistance to her father.
2. Letter to Senior Librarian Karen Kilpatrick, copy given to Mark Titus, from Jeanne Ferrari, dated April 8, 2010, regarding assistance to her father.
3. Letter from Floyd Saums to the Library Commission, dated April 10, 2010, regarding his years of service at the Hunterdon County Library.
4. E-mail from library patron Jennifer Fisher, dated April 13, 2010, regarding library service.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kenneth Jagel reviewed the vouchers and found them to be in order. Kenneth Jagel moved approval. William Newitt seconded. Motion carried.

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FINANCIAL REPORT (cont.)

Signatures for approval

A resolution was presented to the Library Commission granting approval for Supervising Librarians Kristin Momberg and Adrienne Gardner, and Secretarial Assistant Kathleen Connors to sign purchase orders and library payroll on the behalf of and/or in the absence of Library Director Mark Titus.

Kenneth Jagel moved approval of the resolution. William Newitt seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

State Library budget issues

HRLC (Highlands Regional Library Cooperative) met yesterday to discuss state budget issues, which are still in transition. The State Library will be holding a webinar on Monday, April 19 to further discuss the issue. The State Library will also be meeting with the Governor's staff.

The State Library's budget was cut by 74%. This means the state network will end and there will be no more ILLs (inter-library loans) in New Jersey. Hunterdon County Library will most likely have to charge a fee for doing ILLs through the regular mail.

(NOTE: the battery died on the tape recorder)

All databases provided through the State will be lost. Many libraries will lose their Internet connections, which the State Library provides. (Note: the HCL Internet connection is provided through the County). A List Serve will be done through Google to keep communications open between the libraries.

Advocacy

We have limits on political activity due to County policy. Other libraries have posted State budget issues on their websites. Freeholder Sworen stated that calling legislators and advocating for libraries is not political activity (as opposed to wearing a campaign button for a candidate, for instance).

We will prepare an advisory statement regarding ILLs after the April 19 webinar and post it on the library website.

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NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

HCL budget

We met the County requirement to cut our budget by 5%. We were instructed by the Freeholders to cut our DVD line by more than \$27,000.00, bringing our total budget cut to 6.4%.

Freeholder Sworen left the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Any response to the Freeholders regarding the library budget will come from the Library Commission. William Newitt will contact Beth Hinsdale-Piller regarding a response. Peter Craig will draft a resolution for review at the May meeting.

**THE MAY MEETING IS RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010,
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.**

PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Library Commission adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Kathleen Connors
Secretarial Assistant