



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the ALS Board of Directors

Place: Alliance Library System
600 High Point Lane
East Peoria, IL 61611

Date: April 22, 2010

Attending: John Richmond, President, Kevin Eckhoff, Steven Alvin, Susan Busenbark, Molly Horio, Stephanie McKinley-Miller, Phyllis Self via telephone, Jeffery Taylor, and Wed Turner.

Absent: Katie Grumbine, Pam Van Kirk, Susan Herring, Neil Kelley

Staff Present: Kitty Pope and Lee Logan

Guests:

09-10/38

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Call to Order	John Richmond called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Introductions	Roll call was taken and introductions were made.
3. Approval of Agenda and Requested Changes to Consent Agenda	John Richmond called for approval of the agenda. MOTION BY P. SELF AND SECONDED BY S. MCKINLEY-MILLER THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED.
4. Consent Agenda 4.1 Approval of minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2010 4.2 Approval of the payment of payroll and bills for February, 2010: two payrolls in the amount of \$81,615.11 and bills in the amount of \$145,567.77 and payroll and bills for March, 2010: two payrolls in the amount of \$70,695.29 and bills in the amount of \$160,963.55. 4.3 Financial Report	J. Richmond called for approval of the consent agenda. MOTION BY S. BUSENBARK AND SECONDED BY K. ECKOFF THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED.
5. Correspondence	K. Pope shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article – Bell, Nancy. “Save Funding for Voices of Vision.” Letter to the Editor. Daily Herald. April 18, 2010. • Article – “Geneva Talking Book center might close for lack of state funding.” Chicago Tribune. April 31, 2010. • Article – “ALS Policy Brief No. 2: Checking Out the Future.” February 2010. • Report – “How libraries stack up: 2010.” OCLC. 2010.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New ALS Projects – (1) Fundraise with cell phone! Pilot project; (2) Group purchase opportunity for IT support; and (3) FINRA Project – Fast Finance Facts. • Article – “Jesse in Morton.” ALS Website. April 21, 2010. • Kewanee Public Library District 135th Anniversary Celebration: 1875 – 2010. Sunday, April 11, 2010.
6. President’s Report	J. Richmond shared about the meeting with Jesse White at Morton Public.
7. Illinois State Library Report	None Reported.
8. Executive Director’s Report	<p>K. Pope’s report included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALS has 57% or \$670,000 of its funding outstanding. ALS will make it to year end, June 30 before having to access lines of credit. • ALS is drafting flat budgets that reflect no increases in funding and no discretionary spending. Details will be presented at the next board meeting. • We anticipate receiving the remaining 93% of MITBC funding by the end of June. If MITBC does not receive funding by then, K. Pope will ask for the board’s advice on proceeding. The state library is seeking requests for proposals for providing Talking Book plans for the next 3 years; quotes for circulation of services and machines. Lori, Paul, and Kitty are working to draft proposals to present to the board next month. • The ALS Election Committee has their first meeting just before the ALS Board meeting. There will be at least 4 new members on the board. The Election Committee will address retiring members and members at the end of their 1st and 2nd year terms. After determining who is retiring or not running again, the Committee will draw up a slate of candidates by June. The new board is seated before the October Annual Meeting. • ALS Day is April 20 and is focused on customer service. • Meeting at Morton Public library on April 21, 2010 with Jesse White.
9. Unfinished Business	None reported
09-10/39	<p>New Business</p> <p>10.1 Summer Reading Kickoff Final Report</p> <p>L. Logan reviewed the report. A question and answer period followed.</p> <p>MOTION BY S. ALVIN AND SECONDED BY J. TURNER THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE 2010 ALS SUMMER READING KICKOFF FINAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED.</p>
09-10/40	<p>10.2 ALS Day 2010 Verbal Report</p> <p>L. Logan reviewed the report. A question and answer period followed.</p> <p>MOTION BY W. TURNER AND SECONDED BY S. MCKINLEY-MILLER THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE ALS DAY 2010 REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED.</p> <p>K. Pope reviewed the report. A question and answer period followed.</p>

09-10/41	10.3 Strategic Restructuring Project Report	<p>A long discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it time to change the structure? Technology has changed. • Concern regarding weakening local autonomy • Are we proposing changes that may be premature or that we would regret? • Can we afford not to look at better cooperation and better use of funding? • Will consolidation negatively impact the membership? • What benefits would the merger give us? <p>MOTION BY S. ALVIN AND SECONDED BY S. BUSENBARK THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE STRATEGIC RESTRUCTURING PROJECT REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED.</p>
09-10/42	10.4 ALS Board Elections	<p>S. Busenbark, Chair of the Election Committee gave a verbal report of the Committee's meeting held prior to the board meeting. Five board members will be retiring; Steven Alvin – Public Library Trustee, Susan Busenbark – Public Library Trustee, Stephanie McKinley-Miller – School Librarian, and John Richmond – Public Library Director, and Pam Van Kirk – At Large. Incumbent board members are up for re-election; Phyllis Self – Academic Librarian, Katie Grumbine – School Librarian, Molly Horio – Special Librarian, Sue Herring – Public Library Trustee, Kevin Eckhoff – Public Library Trustee, Jeffery Taylor – Public Library Trustee, and Wed Turner, Public Library Trustee.</p> <p>MOTION BY S. BUSENBARK AND SECONDED BY J. TAYLOR THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE ELECTION COMMITTEE'S VERBAL REPORT. MOTION APPROVED</p>
10. Public/Audience Comments	<p>Steve Alvin discussed his study abroad visit to London. He visited a \$62 million Canterbury green building.</p> <p>John Richmond talked about his attendance at a building workshop at PLA in Portland, OR.</p> <p>A long discussion</p>	
11. Other Business	None.	
12. Next Board Meeting	<p>Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 27, 2010, 6:00 p.m. ALS, 600 High Point Lane, East Peoria, IL 61611</p>	
09-10/43	13. Adjournment	<p>MOTION BY S. ALVIN AND SECONDED BY S. MCKINLEY-MILLER THAT THE MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M. MOTION APPROVED</p>

Secretary