

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

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Sussex County Library Advisory Board (LAB) Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Call to Order & Adoption of Wednesday, November 15, 2017 Agenda. **Amended November 14, 2017.**

CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:33P.

MOTION: DIANA YOUNG.

2ND: MARY SCHWANKY.

Approve Wednesday, August 18, 2017 Minutes.

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Announcements

- Delmar building update: **REAL PROGRESS! STILL EXPECTED TO OPEN IN SPRING.**
- Other facility updates: **SEAFORD FOUNDATION REPAIR COMPLETED.**
- District 1 LAB representative: **KAREN JOHNSON IS ASKING HER BOARD/FRIENDS.**
- LibPAS and other reports: **FY IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED @ COUNTY. REPORTS ARE UNDERWAY.**
- Youth Services Meeting: Mon, 11/13/17, included Children's Book Festival discussion **TEPID RESPONSE FROM PARTICIPANTS. NO SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.**

Discussion

- Legislative Open House: Milton SENATOR LOPEZ, REPS SMYK/WILSON, MAYOR KANAKAS, OTHER MILTON COUNCIL MEMBERS. **OVER 40 PARTNERS DISPLAYED + TALKED ABOUT THEIR LIBRARY CONNECTIONS. MILFORD PUBLIC PROMOTED NEW TEEN CENTER. MILTON + DDL DEMOED TECH THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING. SUCCESS! PLUS, PHOTOS FOR PRESENTATION TO SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.**
- Department of Health + Social Services Focus Group: Seaford Public Library **PILOT PROGRAM WITH DHSS COMMUNITY UNIT TO BEGIN THERE + SELBYVILLE IN DECEMBER. FRANKFORD BACKED OUT OF COERCED MOU WITH OTHERS IN THAT UNIT.**

- DE Disaster Assistance Team presentation: Pat Young, Chair **STRONG ATTENDANCE. CONSIDER PAYING MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL OUT OF ANCHOR MONIES?**
- Reports: ALA presentation – Laurel; Library Futures Conference - Attendees; ABOS Conference - SCDOL
- Sussex Library System: Director training in personnel management in January. **HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING A PRESENTER!**
- Invite DDL for full 2/8/18 meeting: “what value would that provide?” **NO COMMENTS.**

DDL/Steering/DE Libraries

- Directors' Meetings: “Fundraising, Budgeting + Staffing” workshop feedback **DICK WATERS’ STANDARD “CONSTRUCTION 101” PRESENTATION. NOT RECEIVED WELL BY OUR ATTENDEES.**
- Advocacy work for FY 2019? **LOOKING AT MORE DEFINED ONE-ON-ONE APPROACH IN JAN/FEB/MAR. INCLUDE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.**
- Fiscal snapshot for FY 2019, includes Route 9 with Southern Regional in queue **MORE CUTS PLUS MORE PIE SLICES. NOT GOOD.**
- Library Card Campaign **PER ANNIE NORMAN, TO BEGIN WITH NEW YEAR AND CONTINUE FOR 2018 + BEYOND**

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- John Monahan: Council representative resignation + Council on School Libraries **JOHN NEEDS TO STEP OUT. CONCERNED ABOUT HIS INABILITY TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS AND COMMITMENTS TO COUNCIL ON SCHOOL LIBRARIES.**
- Decisions from Aug, Sept, Oct 2017 **MINUTES REVIEWED.**

Adjourn.

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