

Merlin Consortium Minutes

August 22, 2019 10:00 am

Northern Waters Library Service 3200 E Lakeshore Drive Ashland Wisconsin

Call to Order 10:00 am

Attendance Quorum met

Attending: NWLS: Machones, Johnson, Kriskovich, WVLS: Kingbeil (o)

Libraries: Ashland – Adams, Bayfield – Nelson, Boulder Junction – Sanderson, Cable – Lendved, Hayward – Lank-Jones, Iron River – Pooler, Lac du Flambeau – Wolfe, Land O Lakes – Zelten, Manitowish Waters -- Kohl (o), Mellen – Thewis (o), Mercer – Schmidt, Phelps – Hutton, Sayner – Braunel, Shell Lake – Seaton, Spooner – Bodzislav, Superior – Heskin (o), Washburn – Pendergrass, Webster – Meyer (o)

Approval of Minutes (Secretary did not make a note :(

Financial Reports (Gostomski) See Report; (Shell Lake/Phelps)

ILS Manager Update

There is an ILS audit committee working on item, patron and then bibliographic records. This group will be meeting twice online.

Content Café discussion; Av items are not displaying without an additional UPC code platform add on from Innovative at a cost of \$3500. Content Café is from Baker & Taylor ranges from \$600-700 / subscription which expires in June 2020 (w no refund granted if we ended early). Spooner recommended continuing with Content Café and working with Baker & Taylor for a solution.

Lac De Flambeau introduced newest employee who is entering records on the ILS, Candi Maulson. 100 library cards completed so far.

User Licenses – Currently there are 74 licenses for 100 + users on our system. Johnson wanted to raise awareness among members so non active open sessions of Sierra should be closed with respect to other users in our system.

It Update Tony Kriskovich is the new IT manager for NWLS. No report for MERLIN at this time.

Merlin Business

Lucky Day Collections – The new Lucky Day policy was presented and discussed. A motion to accept the policy was approved. (Ashland/Iron River)

Replacement Plan for telephone notification service (Jackee) Members discussed ITVA V. Shoutbomb as platforms for TNS delivery. A motion was passed to purchase Shoutbomb \$9,000 1st year and \$4000 annually the following years as a TNS delivery

method. (Ashland/Spooner). This service will begin in 2020 but testing and implementation will begin as soon as possible.

Sierra settings & practices In-library use of other libraries' materials discussion. Members are reminded to use an institution card with correct fields when checking materials out for in-library use. Members are encouraged to send cataloging staff to trainings and to request in library training with Johnson. The goal is to raise the standard of records in the ILS.

Novelist Plus A motion was passed to renew the 2020 subscription to Novelist Plus (Land of Lakes/Sayner)

Budget The 2020 MERLIN Consortium budget was discussed. A motion to accept the budget that includes Novelist + and Shoutbomb for a total of \$21,478 was passed (Superior/Spooner).

2020 Overdrive Advantage Budget A motion to accept the 2020 Overdrive Advantage budget for \$23,000 using a formula based on library size and use was passed (Boulder Junction/Spooner).

MERLIN Compliance Document discussion will be on the November 2019 agenda.

Strategic Planning Discussion points to consider for long term planning; Where does the consortium want to go in the future, patron facing systems, increased collaboration to provide more services (w/less funding). A committee will be established to begin the process.

Adjourn 12:00

NWLS Director's Meeting

1:00 pm

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UPDATES

Business Manager Directors were reminded of upcoming opportunities & deadlines; collection development grant, WLA membership, WLA scholarships

IT Repeated outages from Centurylink network due to lack of redundancies and communication with construction crews.

Continuing Ed Tech Days will be Nov 5, 6, 7. Check the WVLS for new CE offerings.

WPLC There is a 5% increase in the collection buying pool. This is the first increase in seven years.

Inclusive Services Machones will share a self-assessment/library assessment guide for inclusive services. Superior is conducting staff trainings for dealing with people who are experiencing homelessness.

PLSR The implementation of the draft from DPI is requested by COLAND. The CE portal is a high priority in this draft.

DPI/SRLAW The reduction in funds for delivery service in 2020 and 2021 and the lack of funding in following years is concerning. A solution to improve the delivery system and funding is needed.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

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