

## Members meeting of SAILS

March 18, 2009

Present: Betty Gregg (Bridgewater), Sainath Chinnaswamy (Bristol Community College), Carole Julius (Carver), Jocelyn Tavares (Dighton), Manny Leite (East Bridgewater), Carrie Tucker (East Bridgewater schools), Madeline Miele (Easton), Carolyn Longworth (Fairhaven), Paula Costa Cullen (Fall River), Jerry Cirillo (Foxboro), Betsy Randall (Halifax), Nancy Cappelini (Hanson), Olivia Melo (Lakeville), Judie Kleven (Marion), Susan Berteaux (Massachusetts Maritime Academy), Danielle Bowker (Middleboro), Stephen Fulchino (New Bedford), Ann O'Leary (New Bedford High School), Frank Ward (North Attleboro), Elaine Jackson (Norton), Deborah Wall (Pembroke), Melissa Campbell (Plainville), Deborah Batson (Plympton), Gail Roberts (Rochester), Bonnie Mendes (Somerset), Susanne Duquette (Taunton), Beth Roll Smith (West Bridgewater); Laurie Lessner, Bob Demanche, – SAILS.

President Melissa Campbell called the meeting to order at 10: 05 a.m.

Secretary Gail Roberts conducted the roll call.

Frank Ward (North Attleboro) made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Nancy Cappelini (Hanson) seconded. Approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Warrant 09.2.09** Carole Julius (Carver) made the motion to accept; Jerry Cirillo (Foxboro) seconded. Approved unanimously

### **FY09 – final financial reports**

SAILS is currently \$60,000 ahead of last year at this time, and still waiting for a second payment from the state.

### **Committee Reports**

OPAC Grant committee – Progress Report: a timeline of the evaluation process was included in the packets. Laurie demonstrated some of the vendors, including Aquabrowser from Woodbridge PL; Encore III (the Nashville PL); Enterprise (Sirsi Dynix), which contains the ability for the patrons to write reviews; and SoPAC, an open source product. The focus groups will be meeting over the next two weeks, and will be able to comment on each of the vendors. Their comments will be placed before the evaluation committee on April 1.

### **Old Business**

#### **Decertified Libraries – sale of cards to residents from decertified communities**

This topic raised much discussion. The BLC says that municipalities may charge fees to residents of decertified communities, and Debby requested that, whatever we decide to do, it has to be something that SAILS can implement. Some of the points raised:

- Do we treat residents of decertified communities the same way as we do out-of-state residents and charge an annual fee? This creates several problems, including creating an elitist system where only the well-off can afford library privileges, and thus puts the library in danger of no longer being a “public” library.
- Some towns do not charge fees for out-of-state cards, and refuse to charge fees for any library card. However, they are reluctant to allow access to patrons from decertified communities.
- There is the possibility of entering into a contractual agreement with a decertified community, but this gives the town's governing board a reason to close their library, as this contract will surely cost less than running their own library.
- If a town decides to sell cards to patrons from decertified communities, will that card be able to be used in other towns, or should its use be restricted to the town that issued it? Can this be done through the SAILS system?
- Making the patrons use their own library has raised their awareness of the problem. Some patrons rarely used their town library, or had no idea anything was wrong. Making a card available to them takes away their impetus to petition their town administrators for full funding for their town library.

It was decided to take two actions. First, the Policy for Out- of-State library users needs to be rewritten and strengthened. It is being sent back to the Circulation Policy Committee for review and amending. Secondly, since the consensus of opinion among those present is that we will not give cards to patrons from decertified communities, it was decided to table this question until Debby is available to give an opinion on whether creating a paid decertified patron is feasible for SAILS, and/or until the need to create this patron arises.

## **New Business**

### **Rockland Trust – Business Savings Account**

Carole Julius (Carver) read a resolution stating that SAILS will open a Business Savings account with the Rockland Federal Savings Bank. Carole Julius (Carver) moved that we open the account; Danielle Bowker (Middleboro) seconded. Approved unanimously.

### **CDARS – FDIC Insured Certificate of Deposit Registry Service**

Carole Julius (Carver) read a memo from Debby to Rockland Federal Trust Bank recommending that we open a CD with them that is FDIC insured.

### **Library Legislative Day**

Bonnie Mendes (Somerset) mentioned that the day is Friday, April 2, and that a bus going to Boston will be picking up anyone interested in going at 8:00 a.m. from the Somerset Library, and at the Staples Plaza in Rayham at 8:30-ish.

### **Restricted Access to Patron Records**

Debby submitted a recommendation to have access to public library patron records restricted to public libraries, and that K-12 libraries will be blocked from viewing all public and academic library records. The academic libraries will only be able to view their records, not those of the K-12 schools, or the public. As many of the school libraries are now being run by volunteers, and SAILS has a policy that volunteers will not be given access to patron records, this seemed the best way to deal with the situation. Bonnie Mendes (Somerset) made a motion to accept this policy; Susan Berteaux (Mass. Maritime Academy) seconded. Approved unanimously.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Debby submitted her report in writing, as she was in Boston testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee on the MBLC budget request.

### **Adjournment**

Bonnie Mendes (Somerset) made a motion to adjourn; Carole Julius (Carver) seconded. Approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Roberts  
Secretary