North Country Library Directors Organization  
Minutes of October 1, 2011

Vice-President Garofalo called the meeting to order at 1:53 PM.

Present: Mary Bidwell, HEN; Jen Thomas, DEX; Terri DiGregorio, CSQ; Margaret Weigel, PUL; Dennis Eickhoff, COL; Noreen Paterson, PHE; Cheryl Clark, Adams; Sally Brown, Lowville; Pat Musante, POT; Tracy Tanner, PHI; Toni Ellinger, SAH; Karen Lago, DEP; Linda McCullough, CAR; Bev Ripka, WMT; Leona Chereshnoski, Osceola; Wayne Miller, Ogdensburg; Betty Maute, FUL; Joan Kampnich, CRO; Joan White, CLK; Cathryn Tiffany, CRO; Michelle McLagan, LIS; Julie Garnsey, CLS; Kathy Paige, MAD; Lyn Swafford, Canton; Sandy Lamb, BLR

Following introductions, the Minutes of June 15th were approved on a motion by Sandy Lamb, seconded by Margaret Weigel.

Central Library Report: Oswego will use BTOP monies to pay for Gale Testing and Education Resource Center, CLD monies will be used for Heritage Quest, and Learning Express will be dropped. The Central Library Committee voted to ask the NCLS Board to delay action on the proposed Goal 3 of the new five year Central Library Plan until Central Library Committee has the opportunity to fully discuss it.

NCLS Director’s Remarks: More work on the NCLS Plan of Service may need to be done depending on NCLS Board actions. Five people have signed up for the Substitute List. Three are from Oswego County and 2 from St. Lawrence. There was a brief discussion of Specialized Library Collections and how to advise other libraries and directors. This needs further exploration and development.

Discussion followed about the formation of a System Change Committee whose charge will be to identify possible solutions to long term (systemic?) problems, with the understanding that this will take long term work. A number of questions were asked. How will the Committee be populated? How does the DO want to choose members? Could it be composed of all directors, or might it include trustees (if they would be willing to serve)?

Sandy (Jen) moved to have NCLS communicate what they want in a committee, the DO’s officers will then work out a process for selection, DO members will then be informed of the process, then the process will be set in motion. Approved.

Steve discussed the tax cap. Libraries no on the ballot will be most impacted in that those libraries compete with all other municipal services for a budget that does fall under the cap. If a library goes out to vote, it is simpler and your funds are dedicated. Exceeding the cap in that situation only requires that it be approved by a vote of 60% of the entire Library Board.

Election of officers: The slate of Dennis for President, Sandy for Vice-President, and Margaret for Secretary was presented and approved.

Next meeting will be April 25th, 10:30, at NCLS.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Miller