The September 29, 2015 meeting of the North Country Library Directors’ Organization was called to order at 2:10PM by President Beverly Ripka. A motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2015 meeting was made by Sandy Lamb (BLR) and seconded by Penny Kerfien (OGD). It was carried. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Stella Todd (HEU) and seconded by Noreen Patterson (PHE). All agreed.

Since Steve Bolton was involved in another meeting, there was no NCLS Director’s report.

Noreen Patterson (PHE) reported on a new NCLS service on loan for book clubs. NCLS will supply six book club services with 2 being non-fiction books and 4 fiction books. 12 books will be supplied for each program. She recommends this program. Phoenix has received several good puppet donations and NCLS has a large number as well and all are available for loan to the libraries. Through the catalog they are found by “Realia”. There are also traveling kits available to all libraries for the “Every Child Ready to Read”. Noreen will send an e-mail to all describing these services.

Matt Corey reported on the OverDrive statistics and costs which increased 40% in 2015. The question was asked how to help and monetary contributions will help. He introduced three plans for the coming year and polled the group on the choices: Plan I – 9 in favor; Plan II – 4 in favor; and Plan III – 17 in favor.

Beanstack was also discussed and every library is encouraged to remove restrictions on new juvenile titles to allow Beanstack to be more user friendly. There was some discussion on the use of NEW and priority. This will be clarified.
There was no old business. A slate of officers effective January 2016 was offered by the nominating committee: President – Penny Kerfien (OGD), Vice President – Linda Adams (GOU) and Secretary Dawn Myers (LOW). Noreen Patterson (PHE) moved the slate, seconded by Sandy Lamb (BLR). All agreed.

A question of children being left in the car was raised. Since it is a legal issue, law enforcement should be called. Elaine Dunn (MAS) raised the issue of making the library a peanut-free zone and it was decided that the library probably can’t really do that.

The next meeting will be held on January 13 following the JAB meeting. Penny Kerfien (OGD) moved for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Weigel, Secretary