

COMPASS USERS' GROUP

DRAFT Meeting minutes of Wednesday, April 27, 2011 DRAFT

Members present:

Debby Bocnuk/Babbitt, Marcia Anderson/Grand Rapids, Ginny Richmond/Hibbing, Nancy Riesgraf/Hibbing, Diane Adams/International Falls, Carla Powers/Duluth, Nicholos Prieve/Gilbert, Nancy Maxwell/Virginia, Paula Chapman/Aurora, Sue Sowers/Hoyt Lakes, Mary Lukkarila/Cloquet, MaryBeth Kafut/Eveleth
Rebecca Patton/ALS, Jim Weikum/ALS, Linda Wadman/NCLC

1. President Nancy Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. **Approval of COMPASS minutes for March 23, 2011 meeting:**

M/S Adams/Richmond. Approved.unanimously

4. COMPASS AND COMPUTER RELATED ISSUES

(in answer to a question, Jim reports that Mark is doing well and hopes to be back at work on Monday)

a. Questions or problems with Horizon functions:

Some libraries reported suspected data losses during server outages. They noticed missing data for check in and check out.

b. Horizon News

nothing new

c. ILS & Discovery Layer process update

on hold pending Mark's return

d. NE Service Coop fiber optic project

NESC is saying other libraries (beyond the first 6) will be connected in 2012. Itasca County is not included at this point, but NESC is negotiating with carriers. NESC is looking for 5 year contracts, longer than the current 3 year contracts that ALS does. ALS is working on possible 3-way contracts to include cities/libraries. NESC has been meeting with cities.

e. Staff Reports

none

5. Library Issues

a. What's happening at your library? (moved to end)

b. ALS Membership Standards

No action

c. **Legacy Amendment Projects**

Reminder that all paid museum passes expire 5/30 and should be pulled then. Keep the free ones (Rebecca will send a list)

d. **Staff Reports**

Jim: Legislative update: multiple bills have been introduced to eliminate MOE. The House Tax bill includes a 2 year suspension of MOE and Minimum level of support. The Senate bill includes a 10% reduction for 2 years. The bill for Legacy funding does include funding for libraries.

e. **NCLC**

Linda has scheduled demonstrations for e-book and e-readers for August 24 and July 14. More info later.

a. **Library news:**

Grand Marais: (via Jim)

They are starting their library construction project (addition) at the end of May. They must vacate the building and will set up a small collection in the High School for 4-6 months.

Hibbing: The city administrator was terminated. They have new library board members. There are rumors of conversations about combining the public library and the HCC library. Their spring fling is May 18 from 5-7 with food and entertainment. They will have library supporters go to city hall.

Gilbert: Tim Berg with e-folio is doing basic computer classes and use of e-folio. The classes have been popular with individuals and small businesses.

International Falls: Doing a film festival Thurs and Friday. Family films are being shown at the community center. They will be doing a film making class later.

Aurora: Hosting a "meet and greet" with elected officials as part of their strategic plan. They are starting with the city council and asking for input on the city strategic plan. The Friends are holding a Swedish Meatball Dinner as a fundraiser.

Hoyt Lakes: They are having a mural installed on 6/13 (legacy funds) they also received a glass sculpture (also legacy funds) They did a major weeding of non-fiction

Cloquet: Will have summer hours (open Monday morning and closed Saturday)

Duluth and Cloquet have worked on a library funding Taskforce to address inequity in library funding. They have been exploring the idea of a Library authority or Library district with taxing authority.

(Note: this issue will be discussed at the regional directors' meeting)

Babbitt Tim Berg has been doing weekly classes. Deb has a copy of *Whistle for Willy* in Spanish if anyone wants it. They are hosting the *Stories of Music, Stories of Home* program on May 4th. They are also acquiring some artwork through legacy funds.

Grand Rapids: Is now open! Summer Hours will be M-Th 9-7, Fri 9-5, Sat. 10-2

Eveleth: The Library will be getting wireless through the city.

Suggestion for marketing: add blogs and event calendars to Northern Community Internet (www.northerncommunityinternet.org) Blogs and calendars can be set up to feed directly to NCI.

5. Adjourn at 11:45

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 @ 10:30