

COMPASS USERS' GROUP

DRAFT Meeting minutes of Wednesday, May 25, 2011 DRAFT

Members present:

Debby Bocnuk/Babbitt, Marcia Anderson/Grand Rapids, Ginny Richmond/Hibbing, Nancy Riesgraf/Hibbing, Diane Adams/International Falls, Carla Powers/Duluth, Nicholas Prieve/Gilbert, Nancy Maxwell/Virginia, Paula Chapman/Aurora, Sue Sowers/Hoyt Lakes, Mary Lukkarila/Cloquet, Judy Holcomb/Kinney, Julie Billings/Silver Bay, Linda Chappell/Grand Marais
Rebecca Patton/ALS, Jim Weikum/ALS, Shari Fisher/ALS, Mark Koukol/ALS, Linda Wadman/NCLC

Welcome and introductions.: President Nancy Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of COMPASS minutes for April 27, 2011 meeting. M/S Adams/Richmond, approved
3. COMPASS and Computer Related Issues.
 - a. Questions or issues with Horizon functions.
 - No issues with server, Mark reports faster processing
 - b. Horizon news: updates & upgrades, etc.
 - New release 7.5.1 available soon
 - 1 (summer update anticipated with estimated 6 hours down time)
 - c. ILS & Discovery Layer selection process: update.
 - Work will start up again next week, now that Mark is caught up
 - d. NESC "Middle Mile" fiber optic project: update.
 - No updates on Middle mile (they're digging in Silver Bay)
 - e. Efolio: possible grant opportunity to continue services
 - Nick reports grant funds are available for some continuing service under ALS umbrella
 - 8 core services identified , including ongoing support for training (Grant from Northland Foundation covers limited staffing and mileage)
 - f. Staff reports (none here)
 - g. Other.
4. **Library Issues.**
 - b. **Borrower cards.**
 - Will order new cards with keychain cards supply is nearly gone.
 - Shari will ask if the numbers can be made bolder.
 - c. June 2 & June 9 **ALA webinars** on management tools (using technology in Library Management: Skills for More Efficient Administration and Communication)
 - Jim is registered for sessions: Can attend at ALS HQ if interested
 - d. ALS membership standards committee: update.
 - Standards will have something next meeting
 - e. Legacy Amendment projects and programs.

Free museums are still taking tickets after May 30: Cook Co, Finland Heritage Site, Carlton Co, Palkie Grist Mill

Some legacy funds remain. Possibilities for use include:

Extending some museums to mid-June, such as the Aquarium, Judy Garland Museum, Split Rock Lighthouse,

Doug Ohman for more libraries in June

Photography workshop for teens and adults if John G. or someone else is available

Collections supporting certain programs.

f. Staff reports.

- a. Mark: Spam –a-lot lately. He said the filter can be turned up a notch, but items labeled spam now will be lost. Some people reported receiving mail from lists that get labeled spam, so the consensus was NOT to change it.
- b. Shari: The ROI study is in process. Telephone surveys (random sample) are taking place around the state. It is expected to be completed in December.
Angie will be leaving at end of May. Due to budget uncertainties, she will not be replaced immediately. Mark will upload records for Overdrive and OCLC.
Techie toybox items will be handled by Paula
- c. Jim: Legislative report:
 - i. **Budget Bill** including suspension of MOE and MLS was vetoed. It will be negotiated (note: Half of ALS budget is County Dollars)
 - ii. **Legacy Funding** Conference committee agreed to 3 million/year, Senate agreed, House did not pass Legacy funding bill at all, so funding is in limbo now
 - iii. Minitax was cut, no scenarios for impacts are available now.
 - iv. No cuts to Regional Library support formula

g. NCLC.

As a result of the NCLC strategic planning process, NCLC and ALS exploring collaboration/cooperation options. They will look for efficiencies, economies of scale

Don't forget: Demonstrations of e-readers, downloads, July 14, 10 am including Sony, Nook, ipads. 2nd session will be after COMPASS mtg on August 24.

h. What's happening at your library? (Moved)

Grand Marais

Work on addition on library will begin in June. Need to move into school for estimated 4 months

Will move only part of collection. Limited availability of materials. Closed for one week for move: June 12-18 Plan is to Reopen in Nov.

International Falls

Wed June 16 is 100th Birthday Celebration

Grand Rapids

Question on Non-resident borrower cards (primarily out of state)

Responses: Charges range from \$10 – 45/yr. Cards are temporary with expiration date of one year. Prefer entering Home Library card number rather than issue ALS card. For temporary residents use permanent and local address and put expiration date when leaving.

Hoyt Lakes

Having open house for glassworks and art installation (mural)

Hibbing

Dylan days this weekend. Spring fling event last week. Group went to city hall, spoke in public forum. They are finishing strategic plan.

Duluth

Outdoor mural in plaza area is nearly done. Friends book sale will be June 14-17, just before Grandma's. As a result of their strategic planning they are hiring library supervisors. The positions will most likely be filled internally. They will shift duties and not fill resulting 3 positions.

Kinney

Judy is planning activity for kids, and now has assistance.

Babbitt

Legacy projects are great!

Cloquet

Send news to Mary for Minitex.

They are studying public service desk changes/rearranging. They are also researching microfilm readers.

Aurora

Friends held Swedish Meatball fundraiser. They cleared \$600-700.

Will do legacy event on civil war June 9,

Gilbert

They are Reorganizing their DVD collection. Nick is working with Tim on e-folio and basic computer training projects.

Rebecca's retirement

Thanks to Rebecca for her years of service (and enthusiasm)

Don't forget her last day is June 30, with event.

i.Other.

5. Adjourn.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2011 @ 10:30 a.m, with e-reader training after

