

COMPASS USERS' GROUP
Draft Meeting minutes of Wednesday, May 26 2009

Members present:

Debby Bocnuk/Babbitt, Mary Lukarilla/Cloquet, MarciaAnderson/Grand Rapids, , Nancy Riesgraf/Hibbing, Linda Chappell/Grand Marais, Sue Sowers/Hoyt Lakes, Diane Adams/International Falls, , Nancy Maxwell/Virginia; Carla Powers/Duluth, Julie Billings/Silver Bay, Paula Chapman/Aurora, MaryBeth Kafut , Eveleth Linda Wadman/NCLC, Mark Koukol/ALS, Rebecca Patton/ALS, Angeles Ramon-Ankrum/ALS, Shari Fisher, ALS, Jim Weikum/ALS, Sharon Kangas/ALS

1. President Nancy Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Paul Brinkman, ED of NE Service Cooperative, Lyle MacVey, Director of Information Technology, and Melissa Cox presented info about the NE Middle Mile Fiber Project. <http://www.nesc.k12.mn.us/broadband> for more information. This project is bringing broadband infrastructure to communities all over NE MN.

3. Approval of COMPASS minutes for meeting:

M/S Adams/ Sowers .Approved.unanimously with correction in spelling of Angeles' name.

4. COMPASS AND COMPUTER RELATED ISSUES

a Questions or issues with Horizon functions:

none

b. Horizon News

7.5a release to fix compatibility issues with Windows 7. Mark will obtain update CD. No need to do anything if you are on XP machines

c. ILS Selection Process: update on consultant selection

Jim is in discussion with Marshall Breeding who is interested in working on the RFP but not participating in the actual selection process. All of the information gathered by committees last summer has been forwarded to him.

d. Staff Reports

None

f. Other

none

5. Library Issues

a. What's happening at your library?

- **Grand Marais** Many thanks from the community for bringing Robert Bly for a program They have 2 of the purple "Go Bananas" shirts in size extra large if someone wants one.
- **Babbitt** is holding a large book sale on June 5, the same day as the community wide garage sales.
- **Duluth:** The branch libraries will be open an extra half day each week beginning June 7. However, worst case scenario for the future if additional LGA cuts are made is that branches will be closed entirely and Main closed for a day each week.

b Discussion topic: Cataloging and circulating serials

Discussion of desirability/cost of cataloging all serials (no conclusions reached – no one has stopped cataloging serials)

C Legislative update

There were no additional LGA cuts made. Some funding for the Regional Library Systems will be shifted into the next fiscal year, which may result in potential cash flow issues. No details yet on cuts to ELM.

D “Legacy Amendment” projects and programs

- Photography workshops for teens are scheduled for July.
- Landscaping/lakescaping workshops are scheduled for July and August
- For next year the following programs are being discussed:
 - i. Garrison Keillor and Louis Jenkins in april
 - ii. Terrance Smith
 - iii. Several authors
 - iv. Theatre projects
 - v. Native American art, music
 - vi. Radio programs
 - vii. Art appreciation

Ginny Brodeen will do a 1 hour workshop on conducting oral histories on August 25 at 1:30

Note: Please encourage people to return tickets if they find they cannot use them. It helps with budgeting.

e. Staff reports

- **Shari** Shari will send out survey regarding rotating Large Print books
- **Jim:**
ROI Study Shari and Jim met with the UMD Business School about the statewide Return on Investment (ROI) study funded through an LSTA grant. ALS is the fiscal agent. The target audience for the study will be Legislators, County Commissioners and City Councils. The target completion date is December 2011. The ALS region may be a test project for doing more in-depth review at the local level. Shari has a copy of the application if anyone is interested.

f. NCLC:

There are several openings for board members for the NCLC board. (citizen representatives from Cook County and Lake of the Woods County)

There is a workshop in Grand Marais for school districts on SCRATCH and SMILE on August 18. (Note: there is a SCRATCH workshop for CLAS on Sept 10)

- b. **Other** The IRR library will be open soon and requests will be possible.

5. Adjourn at 1:00

Next meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010 @ 10:30

Ginny Brodeen will present a one hour workshop at 1:30 on “Basics of Conducting Oral History Interviews”