

VALLEY LIBRARY CONSORTIUM
Minutes of the Administrative Council
November 16, 2011 10:00 a.m.

Council Members Present: Tom Birch-Bay County; Rosemary Rice-Gutierrez-Bridgeport; Josh Schu-Community District; Jack Wood-Delta; Bruce Guy-Gladwin; Melissa Barnard-Grace A. Dow; Stephanie Mallak Olson-Iosco; Melissa Malcolm-Lapeer; Judy Eastland-MMI; Alice Parsons-Northwood; Jeanette Bach-Pigeon; Erin Schmandt-River Rapids; Trish Burns-PLO; Bryon Sitler-White Pine.

Council Members Attending Remotely: Marcia Dievendorf-Caro; Desta Ureel-Dryden; Kelli Lovaz-North Branch; Kristen Valyi-Hax-Ruth Hughes; Nannette Pretzer-St. Charles.

Council Members Not Present: Kay Hurd-Almont; Colleen Montalbano-Bay City Schools; Sheila Bissonnette-Harrison; Jessica Moore-Marlette; Cory Goethe-MCC; Marsha Boyd-West Branch.

Others Attending: Lee Martin-VLC; Kay Dunker-VLC.

Chair J. Wood called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

The Committee discussed the evaluation of the Executive Director.

J. Wood asked if there were any additions to the agenda. J. Eastland added the possible cancelation of the December meeting. L. Martin added an update on LibraryThing.

Consent Agenda

M. Barnard moved to approve the Consent Agenda. R. Rice-Gutierrez seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Server Project

L. Martin presented a proposal to request new servers. The project has three phases with a total cost of \$76,070:

1. Replace the Horizon server – cost \$42,550
2. Non-ILS servers – cost \$14,400
3. Reporting server – cost \$19,120

L. Martin presented several dates for the installation of the new Horizon server. The members decided on December 21, 2011. During the downtime, members can use PC Reliance for circulation. The software is available from the VLC website, along with screencast on the installing in using the software.

E. Schmandt made a motion to approve phase 1, 2, and 3 for a total cost of \$76,070, with the first phase to be implemented on December 21, 2011. B. Sitler seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Possible cancelation of the December meeting

After discussion, members decided that to cancel the December meeting. L. Martin will send out the proposed budget that would have normally presented at the meeting.

2. Update on LibraryThing

L. Martin has emailed a request for information out to the members who want LibraryThing. That information needs to be returned to VLC by Friday, Nov. 25. The VLC is making screencast on the new features that will be geared to staff and patrons.

Strategic Plan – Measuring Success

1. M. Barnard proposed to move the target dates for 1.2 (Next generation ILS) to have the start date to be closer to the implementation date. T. Burns made the motion to change the target date for 1.2 to 4th quarter 2013. J. Bach seconded. After a discussion about signing a two year SirsiDynix maintenance contract, T. Burns amended the motion to be a target date of 2nd quarter 2014. J. Bach agreed. Motion carried.

The process to select the new system will start in mid 2012.

The vendor should be selected by mid 2013.

The new system should be in place by May or June 2014.

B. Sitler made a motion to supersede the decision to sign a three year maintenance contract with SirsiDynix and to implement a two year contract. J. Eastland seconded. Motion carried.

2. T. Burns announced that members should soon be receiving a survey for 1.3 (Database Standards).

Tech Sharing

Bookmyne for droid is in beta.

M. Barnard asked what people were doing on periodicals that dropping the print. Some libraries said they were just dropping the titles. Other said they were keeping some of the titles, especially if they were technology oriented.

T. Burns mentioned the webinar that Library Journal was doing on mobile apps.

Announcements

M. Barnard announced that Virginia McKane is retiring. She will not be replaced.

Delta is adding two new databases: Artstore and Lois Law.

Pigeon is starting a tutor program using therapy dogs. Northwood is getting a therapy dog to come in for finals week.

This was Kristen Valyi-Hax last meeting before she starts her new job at Romeo District Library. L. Martin thanked her for her work with the VLC.

Next scheduled meeting is January 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned as adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kay Dunker.