Present: Sylvia Boyd, Galadriel Chilton, Debbie Herman (Chair), Sarah Ludwig, Elizabeth Neligan, Kathie Popadin, Christina Russo, Marie Shaw, Kendall Wiggin

Absent: Roger Kemp, Molly James

Others: Lynette Baisden, Steve Cauffman, Eric Hansen, Gail Hurley, Dawn La Valle, Bill Sullivan

1. Call to Order
Debbie Herman called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Introductions – Elizabeth Neligan
Debbie Herman and Board members introduced themselves and welcomed Elizabeth Neligan. Elizabeth fills the Parent of K-12 Student position on the Board.

3. Approval of Minutes
Sylvia Boyd MOVED (2nd Galadriel Chilton) to approve the minutes of February 20, 2013. VOTED unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda
Bill Sullivan reported that Cathy Ahern had to resign from the Board. Accordingly, Bill requested that Nominations be added to the agenda. Sylvia Boyd MOVED (2nd Galadriel Chilton) to approve the agenda as amended. VOTED unanimously.

5. Public Comment
There was none.

Bill reported that Cathy Ahern had to resign from the board. Cathy had filled the Public Librarian position on the Board. Sylvia Boyd and Galadriel Chilton volunteered to serve with Bill on the nominations committee (again) to evaluate applications for the vacancy.

7. State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin
Ken reported that the Appropriations Committee has not reported on their budget recommendations so it is not clear if CCARD funding will be restored. Ken reported that the budget bill that included a cap to c-card was reported out of committee without a cap on CCARD. The E-Book legislation is moving along. The publishers have begun speaking out against the legislation. The CLA Legislative Committee has been considering some amendments which could be introduced should the bill become stalled. At their next meeting, the State Library Board will consider a resolution on asserting citizens’ rights to E-book access. State Library will select 15-25 CT Libraries to participate in the EDGE Initiative Soft Launch. There is a gap with providing information on public use and the internet. Ken also reported that the Institute of Museum and Library Services has not received final budget numbers from the federal Office of Management and Budget so we still don’t know what our final LSTA funding will look like.

8. Reports
a. Commission for Educational Technology – Kendall Wiggin
Ken reported that due to pending legislation that would change the scope of the Commission, the Commission has not met. The Connecticut Education Network (CEN) is working on strategic planning and how to bring in stakeholders to better understand their network needs. The CEN is planning a statewide conference on May 10.

b. Digital Library Progress - William Sullivan
The evaluation and scoring of the proposals was completed with the result that the bid was awarded to EBSCO. Points were awarded in three evaluation categories: hands-on professional review of all proposed products; review of written proposals; and cost. Bill gave an overview of the bid evaluation process and shared the results.

EBSCO must be implemented by July 1, 2013. Bill distributed a detailed and still evolving implementation plan, including marketing and training components, along with a listing by library type and by audience of the databases that will be made available. Bill thanked the Database Committee for their work on evaluating and reviewing the bid requirements and to his staff for crunching the survey numbers and keeping everything on schedule. The next step is to execute a contract with EBSCO that must be approved for form by the Office of the Attorney General.

We submitted the final draft of the statewide library catalog RFP and scoring criteria to DAS/BEST on April 1. It is still scheduled to be issued in April. Due to development setbacks, availability of the new interface to the statewide library catalog, originally scheduled for October – December 2012, is now scheduled for July 15 – August 15, and we will not have hands-on access to the preview version until the end of May.

iCONN exhibited at the CLC/CASL conference at Chase Collegiate School in Waterbury on March 7th. Steve, Eric and Bill staffed the booth which was provided at no charge. It was well worth doing for the interaction with school librarians and also we enjoyed an extended conversation with Rep. Brian Sear on e-books and other topics.

d. Database Committee – CDLAB Doc 12-13 - Eric Hansen
Eric distributed notes from the March 21st Database Committee meeting. The notes detailed the bid evaluation and review process. There were 46 survey questions for each vendor, less in number than the last bid, but with more weight to the professional review and less to the proposal and cost. The committee discussed the EBSCO implementation and adapting iCONN’s existing menus in advance of the change from Gale to EBSCO. The next meeting of the database committee will be on May 23, 9 a.m. at the Middletown Library Service Center.

9. Adjourn
Galadriel Chilton MOVED (2nd Sylvia Boyd) to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 5, 2013 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Baisden
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