

Minutes
Executive Committee of the Pioneer Council
Of the Pioneer Consortium
Thursday, July 26, 2012

The scheduled meeting of the Pioneer Consortium group was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Pat Leach in the Conference Room of the Kilgore Memorial Library, York Nebraska on Thursday, July 26, 2012. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meeting Law, which is posted on the Conference Room bulletin board. Notices and copies of the agenda were supplied for member libraries to post locally. The agenda notice was also posted on the Pioneer Blog.

Present were: Pat Leach, Steve Fosselman, Pam Soreide and Robin Clark

Also present were: Greg Mickells, Laureen Riedesel, Scott Childers, and Richard Miller

Minutes

Steve Fosselman noted a need to correct the minutes to reflect that the Public Relations Committee has been established as a separate committee, not a subcommittee of the Membership Committee. Pam Soreide made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Steve Fosselman. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report

Robin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Pat seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

a. Membership Committee

Steve presented the report of the Membership Committee, and asked for acceptance of the application of the Arapahoe Public Library. The application was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

b. Technical Committee Report

Greg presented the report of the Technical Committee meeting held 6/29/12. He reported that Andrew "Sherm" Sherman was elected as co-chair of the Technical Committee along with Tammy Teasley as he has deep technical knowledge, but has only recently been working in the library world.

Greg then asked for an authorization of up to \$150 for enhanced functionality on the Pioneer website to allow for the placement of video files, in particular, training videos. The authorization was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

Greg reported on the visit from other Koha consortia members, including CLIC and SCLS. There was broad agreement that we will expand efforts to share information, including development ideas, testing efforts, and documentation. The consortia delegates all agreed to continue the conversation with bi-monthly teleconferences. Sherm and Tammy will represent Pioneer on those calls. Also, Greg mentioned how important it is for Sherm to develop and maintain good communications with Patrick, as that is key to an understanding of what is going on at PTFS.

Greg also reported that Papillion is willing to allow Sherm to help new libraries with their extraction process for a flat fee of \$500. We all agreed that will be a much-appreciated service for many new libraries.

Last, Greg shared news regarding new developments including the transition to the SOLR search engine.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- a. Approval of payment for development approved in December, 2011 Pioneer Council meeting.

The Pioneer Council approved two development projects at its December 2011 meeting, with the stated intention of assessing members for the development. This assessment did not happen. The Treasurer and President brought forward a motion directing payment for the development from current unspent Pioneer funds without assessing member libraries again. Steve seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

- b. Update on grant availability
Richard Miller reported that while no decisions had actually been made as availability of funding has not yet been secured, he expects that there will be some money for library grants for 2012-13.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Before closing, Pat asked for a show of appreciation for Greg Mickell's untiring work as the Pioneer project manager, which we all agreed to gladly.

The public meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.