

MINUTES

Pioneer Council of Pioneer Consortium

Edith Abbott Memorial Library, Grand Island, Nebraska

Thursday, April 5, 2012
10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Open Meetings Law was posted.
3. Roll Call
 - a. Pioneer Council representatives were present from: Beatrice Public Library, Bennington Public Library, Edith Abbott Memorial Library (Grand Island, NE), Hildreth Public Library, Holdrege Area Public Library, Hruska Memorial Public Library (David City, NE) Lincoln City Libraries, St. Paul Library, South Sioux City Public Library, Sump Memorial Library (Papillion, NE), Superior Public Library. Richard Miller of the Nebraska Library Commission also attended.
4. Approval of Minutes, 1-12-12, 2-17-12, 2-24-12

Robin Clark of Sump Memorial Library moved, and Vicki Casper of Hildreth seconded, approval of all minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report *

The report was accepted.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Technical Committee report—Round Robin reporting from members present:

Vicki Perrie of Superior noted a need for migration documentation that shows the basic steps clearly without a great deal of detail.

Lisa Flaxbeard of Bennington noted a need to understand better how Koha interprets data.

Robin Clark of Sump Memorial noted their upcoming go-live date of April 24. They will need to manually re-enter holds. As they move forward, they will be using 14-digit barcodes.

David Mixdorf of South Sioux City noted that they continue to have a relationship with Sirsi Dynix through September even as they plan to leave the OneLibrary Consortium. The price quoted to pull their records from the consortium was \$6000 to \$7000. He mentioned that he didn't realize that the sandbox in which he was working wasn't "for keeps."

Pam Soreide of Holdrege described the issues they have had regarding long overdue and billing letters, in light of Koha changes that were made for those using collection agencies. They have employed a two-prong approach that involves items with no value listed—they go in and put in the value BEFORE the item switches to lost, and they create a report BEFORE the item goes lost. This requires staff to pay close attention to the screen during checking, and raises issues of creating manual invoices. She asked whether the technical committee could address a way of putting in default amounts so that a value is listed.

Vicki Perrie asked about how to address the cataloging of a box of new items that have no records in Pioneer Koha—how are they to proceed? Richard Miller suggested consulting with Devra Dragos in regard to this question.

A general discussion began of the role of OCLC and what factors Pioneer libraries should consider in regard to continuing a relationship with OCLC. This will be a topic for future discussion to include Devra Dragos. It's important that the questions be considered from a variety of necessary functions.

7. Old Business

a. Attendance/information at PLTS Spring Meetings

Steve Fosselman developed and made available copies of Pioneer brochure to be distributed at NLA Public Library and Trustee Section Spring Meetings. Robin Clark and David Mixdorf are attending in Columbus, and Richard Miller will attend in Hastings and Scottsbluff.

8. New Business

a. Election of Officers*

Laureen Reidesel of Beatrice moved, and Vicki Perrie seconded, the following slate of officers, to take office May 1, 2012:

Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, Chair

Robin Clark, Sump Memorial Library, Vice Chair

Marie Cadwallader, Valparaiso Public Library, Secretary

Pam Soreide, Holdrege Area Library, Treasurer

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consideration of by-laws change

Pat Leach raised the issue of using an “executive committee” to address ongoing work of the Pioneer Council because there have been times when it has been difficult to gather a quorum of Council members. With 16 member libraries, a majority, or nine, must be present for business to be transacted. Given how geographically far-flung our members are, ensuring the attendance by at least nine has been problematic.

The full Council would meet at least annually to approve the budget, elect officers, and approve the annual assessment.

The Executive Committee would be able to contract for services (within the budget), accept new members into the Council, approve development, and develop policies.

The Executive Committee would include the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and could include additional members at large. The group recommended that care be taken that this group represent a variety of sizes of libraries.

The group noted that they hoped that even though an Executive Committee would be transacting business, the discussions that happen when the larger group meets have been very helpful, and so the suggestion was made that as many members as possible attend Executive Committee meetings.

Pat Leach will forward language creating an Executive Committee for consideration at the next meeting of the Pioneer Council.

9. Public Participation -- none

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Pat Leach, Pioneer President.