

Minutes of the February 17, 2012 Pioneer Consortium Meeting

At 10:02 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012, President Pat Leach called to order the scheduled meeting of the Pioneer Consortium group by telephone conference. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meeting Law, which is posted at http://www.ago.ne.gov/public_records/open_meetings_act. Member libraries received notices and copies of the Agenda on February 16, 2012, to post locally. The agenda notice also was posted on the Pioneer Blog.

Attendance

Voting members present were Laureen Riedesel, Beatrice Public Library; Steve Fosselman, Edith Abbott Memorial Library (Grand Island); Vicki Casper, Hildreth Public Library; Pam Soreide, Holdrege Area Public Library; Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries; Laura Martinsen, St. Paul Library; Robin Clark, Sump Memorial Library (Papillion); and Maria Cadwallader, Valparaiso Public Library.

Also in attendance were Carolyn Bennett, Beatrice Public Library; Greg Mickells, Lincoln City Libraries; Andrew Sherman, Sump Memorial Library; and Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission.

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting was continued for informational purposes only and no official business was conducted. President Pat Leach stated that she will check on the procedures required for conducting e-mail votes and will contact all members with her findings and, if possible, with requests for votes by e-mail on items requiring member approval.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting circulated before the meeting by email. Members noted two errors: Carolyn Bennett is from Beatrice Public Library, and the NLC also does not accept grant applications from non-public libraries.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report circulated before the meeting by email. The Dec. 31, 2011 balance was \$27,823.89. Income totaled \$5,737.91 – \$5,724.484 in member payments, and \$13.43 interest. Expenditures totaled \$2,140.40 in migration fees to Liblime/PTFS. The Jan. 31, 2012 balance was \$31,421.40.

Membership Committee Report

Steve Fosselman reported that he and Greg Mickells have had good talks with Western Nebraska Community College, which is still in the process of deciding when and how to proceed with its membership in Pioneer.

Technical Committee Report

Development

Greg Mickells circulated before the meeting by email the report that the Koha Development Budget includes \$37,800 in development, which includes these items: PK-3 Cancelled Holds, PK-5 Expired Holds, PK-6 Expired Hold Fee, PK-7 Pay Fines Selectively, PK-7a Waive Fines

Selectively, and PK-7b Waive Partial Amount. In answer to a question from Steve Fosselman, he commented that PK-7, 7a, and 7b are so related that 7 is much more complex and costly than the other two items.

Greg also circulated before the meeting by email the Koha 4.10 release notes and SCLS' draft 2012 Development Plan. He said that he has been communicating frequently with SCLS, to coordinate development efforts. In answer to a question from Maria Cadwallader, Greg said that the 4.10 release and SCLS' development have taken care of a number of previously discussed development items.

In answer to a question from Andrew Sherman, Pat Leach said that the NLC has confirmed that it will cover 90% of the next year's development costs.

Training

Maria Cadwallader reported that recent training sessions repeated System Administration and covered Circulation and Cataloging and that next week's training session will cover Reports. She said and Vicki Casper agreed that these recent sessions have been good, much better than the previous sessions. Vicki Casper also said that the "How To" documents distributed by email also are very good. Further discussion implied that the documents will be made available for downloading soon, possible on either a Dropbox or Google site.

Migration Progress

Vicki Casper reported that Hildreth is to go live in March. Lauren Riedesel reported that Beatrice also plans to go live in March.

Pam Soreide reported that both Bennington and David City have asked for help preparing to migrate because of trouble exporting their records from Follett and Follett Destiny. She said she has received permission to help them but it is a long trip for her. Andrew Sherman volunteered to help them, instead. Maria Cadwallader and Vicki Casper both noted that they had a lot of trouble exporting data from Destiny; Andrew said he had no trouble; Maria and Vicki agreed that Andrew should be the Destiny technical support person for migration problems. Pam said she would send Andrew contact information for both libraries and would send him details about using the OBDC driver for Follett (not Follett Destiny).

Budget and Assessment

Maria Cadwallader thanked task force members for their hard work producing a detailed budget.

Pam Soreide noted the need to change the line item for Development from \$36,400 to \$37,800, which may cause a small addition to some libraries' annual fee.

Those present indicated general agreement with the proposed initial and minimum annual fee increases and had no questions about the budget contents.

NLA Meetings

Richard Miller said that it might be too late to have Pioneer included with a time slot at the Spring Meetings. Members present agreed that making materials available at these meetings

should be sufficient, both for the Public Library and Trustee Section and for the College and University Section. Laureen Riedesel suggested postponing presentation at any College and University Section until after Western Nebraska CC's successful migration could be presented as a formal paper, as is usual for that Section's meetings.

Richard Miller suggested that the group plan a presentation for the fall meeting. Pat Leach said she will write up the proposal and asked for suggestions. Members suggested using a panel, demonstrating the staff and client interfaces, and stating exactly how Pioneer will provide technical assistance for migration.

Next meetings

Members commented that the future meetings may need rescheduling to ensure enough attendance and that, as the membership grows, the by-laws may need changing to allow for an elected Board.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maria M. Cadwallader, Secretary