

**Minutes of the March 14, 2013
Meeting of the Pioneer Council of the Pioneer Consortium**

At 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2013, Vice President Robin Clark called to order the scheduled special meeting of the Pioneer Council of the Pioneer Consortium via telephone conference. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meeting Law, posted at http://www.ago.ne.gov/public_records/open_meetings_act, to which our web page links. Member libraries received notices and copies of the Agenda on March 12, 2013, to post locally. The agenda notice also was posted on the Pioneer website.

Attendance

Voting members present were Vice President Robin Clark, Sump Memorial Library; Secretary Maria Cadwallader, Valparaiso Public Library; Treasurer Pam Soreide, Holdrege Area Public Library; Immediate Past President Steve Fosselman, Edith Abbott Memorial Library (Grand Island); Jennifer Einspahr, Arapahoe Public Library; Judy Hagan, Atkinson Public Library; Laureen Riesdesel, Beatrice Public Library; Tammy Teasley, serving as proxy for Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries; David Mixdorf, South Sioux City Public Library; Laura Martinsen, St. Paul; Vicki Perrie, Superior Public Library; and Curtis Bundy, Western Nebraska Community College Library.

Also in attendance were Technical Committee Chair Andrew (Sherm) Sherman, Sump Memorial Library; and Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission.

Minutes

Steve moved and Robin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 15, Feb. 25, and March 1, 2013 meetings of the Executive Committee. The motion passed with unanimous approval of the Executive Committee members present.

Treasurer's Report

The beginning balance Feb. 1 was 63,617.70; \$56.67 interest was added, leaving a current balance of \$63,674.27. Pam Soreide explained that the balance which remains is encumbered because work it will pay for has not been completed. Richard Miller added that Pioneer will receive in the next few days the remaining \$17,010 grant amount for the 2012-13 year. Pam thanked him and said that the note on the 2013-14 budget refers to the fact that this amount is included in the 2012-13 and that no grant money has been promised for 2013-14.

Membership Committee Report

Steve reported that Central City's Library Board has approved joining Pioneer and that they are working on the Joint Agreement. He said that he is also working with several other libraries who have expressed some interest in joining.

Technical Committee Report

Sherm referred the members to the report from the Technical Committee, which lists 16 development projects, their estimated costs, their priority, and possible collaborations with other PTFS/Koha consortia to pay for development. The 7 priority projects included in the \$25,000 development budget total \$14,625; funds for partnering with SCLS total \$5,000; and reserves for partnering on coming work total \$5,375.

The 7 priority projects are:

- (1) line 7: Add scroll bar to list of patron types for registering new patrons -- \$1,925;
- (2) line 6: Receipts – list items in order by due date on details screen; be able to print receipts from details screen; print receipts for renewed items as addition to quick slip -- \$2,975;
- (3) line 14: Include the item call number on lists created in OPAC or staff client -- \$1,925;
- (4) line 11: On the items checked out tab of the details screen, show the total number of items checked out - \$1,225;

- (5) line 15: Add “Next,” “Previous,” and “Go back to search results” navigation buttons on the OPAC item display screen – \$3,500;
- (6) line 1: On the edit item screen, reorder the columns so that ‘barcode’ comes after ‘edit/delete’ -- \$1,500;
- (7) line 8: Item Status: At checkout, clear damaged status (item record lower case k); and do not allow status of currently checked out items to be “withdrawn” or “put on display” -- \$1,575.

Items listed for possible collaboration with SCLS include list #3, Fix function so that Koha doesn't choke during withdrawing process but instead, when select confirm button, system withdraws everything on the selected view item delete list; and list #4, Be able to merge bib records, including moving items and holds from one bib record to another. Sherm reported that he is discussing these and other items with SCLS. Tammy said that Saline, KS also is interested in list #3; Pam said that the project they have in mind is much larger but may include what we need. Tammy also mentioned that Clic is not as likely to help with projects this year because they had budget cuts.

Item list #2 is currently under development; list #5, 9, 12, 13, new (see Discussion, below), 10, and 16 are not yet prioritized.

Budget for 2013-2014

Judy moved and Laureen seconded the motion to approve the 2013-14 budget as presented in the proposed budget spreadsheet. Steve thanked Pam and the others who worked so hard to work up the budget and others present concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Maria moved and Steve seconded the motion to approve the slate of officers for 2013-14, and the motion carried unanimously. The slate includes: President, Pam Soreide, Holdrege; Vice President, Robin Clark, Sump Memorial Library; Secretary, Curtis Brundy, Western Nebraska Community College; Treasurer, Vicki Perrie, Superior. Pat Leach will serve on the Executive Council as immediate past president and officers will assume their new roles on May 1, 2013, which is the start of the Pioneer fiscal year. Members expressed their immense gratitude and thanks to Steve Fosselman and Maria Cadwallader, outgoing officers. Steve and Maria thanked the Executive Council and Pioneer for making the experience so positive.

General Discussion

Tammy, in response to a question from Sherm, said that Central City contacted her with questions about the catalog and she is waiting input from PTFS/Koha Jane Wagner.

Loreen asked if she had missed being notified about them changes in menus, specifically the loss of the call number and series search choices. Sherm and Pam mentioned using reports as ways to sort for various item groups. Tammy said she will submit a request to have call number and series search choices added back to the menu.

David Mixdorf thanked LCL for hosting South Sioux City staff members and showing them how Pioneer Koha works. He said the demos made them comfortable with the coming change and he recommended that longer-term Pioneer members continue to host potential new members so that they can see how well Koha works. He asked if we might have a booth at the Sept. 25-28 Omaha meeting of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. Several members said they thought this was a good idea. Pam mentioned that the Executive Council also is discussing holding a pre-NLA training session in Kearney. David said he thought it would be good to have sessions during NLA with the sandbox for potential members.

David said he is from Iowa and his library does a lot of interlibrary loan with some Iowa libraries because they are so close. He asked if, in the future, Pioneer might think of expanding into a Midwest system to include libraries from surrounding states, as it might be much more efficient for libraries on the borders to use interlibrary loan with bordering states than across the distance of Nebraska. Steve said this is a great

question and that the 2013-14 Executive Council, as Pat Leach has suggested, needs to continue envision Pioneer's future by asking questions about how we should grow, how we should handle PR and conference, and so on. David also asked if there was talk about an organization of all Koha libraries. Tammy said that there is a group call PTFS Users Group, which includes Pioneer, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Salina, KS, which has met in Lincoln and plans to meet again in September.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria M. Cadwallader".

Maria M. Cadwallader, Secretary