

SLENDS Executive Board Meeting

October 19, 2018, 10 a.m.

State Library

Columbia, SC

Attendance: Ben Loftis, Ray McBride, Faith Line, Chris Yates, Benjamin Hall, Kristen Simensen, Laurel Sharp, Alan Smith, Scott Strawn, Debbie Hemming, Jonah Owens, Robert Antill, Charlotte Johnston, Michael Kaltwang, Benjamin Hall, Rita Vogel, Nancy Berry, Meg Stroup, Leesa Aiken, Carl Coffin and Rieta Drinkwine.

Approval of August 17th Minutes: Motion to accept by Ray McBride, seconded by Faith Line, unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

A. Cataloging

Meg Stroup

Commended system catalogers for doing a great job in light of the new 3.1 upgrade.

Webinar for “go live” is now archived on youtube for those who missed it.

Part 2 will be at the State Library

B. Circulation

Faith—the Circulation Committee recommended that the shelving location for young children’s books be confined to one of two spots: “Picture Books” or “Easy Reader”.

It is recommended that circulation computers are dedicated to using their Google browsers for SLENDS alone.

There are some discrepancies with zeroing out balances. Use the “void” or “forgive” option.

It was noted that the training server did not indicate the current slowness in the system.

Remind staff to do Transit Reports monthly. These will be sent to all Circulation listservs.

We cannot clone templates. This system will not work with iPad.

Barbara Coffin, of Beaufort has created a LIBGuide for 3.1

Discussion: Faith began with the proposition that all books in our consortium are holdable, excepting bookclub kits, reference and local historical reference. A lively and diverse discussion ensued, interrupted by the Equinox phone call. More talk continued after Equinox concluded the call. Ray withdrew his original motion to make bookmobile collections unholdable to this: Allow each individual county to make bookmobile collections unholdable per the decision of the director. Carl seconded. The motion passed 10-4.

Equinox Phone Call

Andrea and Galen----various questions were put to them by Chris, Meg, Leesa and others. Some of the call was difficult to hear. One question concerned the problem of negative billing for refunds. It was advised not to use a workaround.

Some bugs (a work in progress) consisted of “Refresh” not updating a status. Uncatalogued paperbacks do not show in the checkout screen. Questions arose about account permissions and holds status errors. A major concern was the slowness of checkins; this could be a software issue.

As Equinox representatives were very concerned that issues go unreported, Meg stated that we

would have a General Performance Ticket link for everyone to participate.

Additionally, Ray offered Beaufort's IT specialist and their trainer to visit any county who would need more training, at no expense to that county.

Kristen remarked that it would be a very good effort at the next retreat to work on Development Projects.

C. Courier

Kristen—R.R. Donnelly will be taking on other Public Libraries. We have had problems with colleges' materials coming to us. They charge us by the visit, not weight.

Seal bins if they're going only to one place. Don't use zip ties on bags. Don't seal if multiple locations are in one bin.

D. Finance

Eric Robinson was not present, but submitted his report. No major issues.

E. Membership Requirements Committee

Scott---Findings of the committee suggested that only County Public Libraries, Regional Libraries and the State Library can join. In other words, qualification is by funding by the state of South Carolina. Academic Libraries are focused on a limited population.

Charlotte read our mission. Lee County, without the requirement of a professional librarian as director, had been grandfathered in.

It was suggested that this decision be tabled until the next meeting. In the meantime, Scott will accept the submission of ideas and forward the committee's findings to every member.

Other discussion

Laurel asked if we could purchase standard bags.

Motion: Faith moved that we set aside an amount in our budget for this purpose.

Kristen seconded. Kristen, Laurel and Ray offered to research potential products which would cost around \$1,000.

Passed by unanimous vote.

Next meeting: December 14th, 10 a.m. at the state library.

Adjournment moved by Ray, and seconded by Benjamin.

Submitted by

Rita Vogel