URSUS Library Directors Friday, December 16, 2011 Meeting Notes

Present: Tom Abbott, James Jackson Sanborn, Leslie Kelley, Angelynn King, Linda Lord,

Barbara McDade, David Nutty, Frank Roberts, Joyce Rumery, JoAnne Wallingford

Guests: Sofia Birden, UMFK

Suzanne Butte, OCLC

Presentation on WorldCat Local by Suzanne Butte

The demonstration of WorldCat Local gave us a view of what this product may do to help with the access to materials that the current discovery system cannot give us.

The directors discussed a future that would mean an ILS migration, but we would need viable functionality in all of the areas to move forward. We expect this may be done in stages, with URSUS as the "classic catalog" for a period of time. The future could be open source, such as Evergreen, or vendor, such as OCLC.

This is a big step and we will have to determine logistics as well as functionality. When the time comes for the change do we need dodo an RFP? We will need to check with Dick Thompson.

We will ask for a trial and for a quote for the URSUS libraries.

Sofia Birden, representative of the Reference Subcommittee

The Reference group said that the best practices document was a good exercise for the group.

The URSUS directors will support a retreat for the Reference subcommittee. This retreat will be a day-long meeting focusing on various issues including K-12, information literacy, tutorials, and other issues the group may bring forward.

Strategic plan/to do list

David and Joyce will work on the eleven libraries document. We may have the document be electronic only with links out to supporting materials.

Future Meetings – Karen Stewart will do a doodle poll for best dates for us all.