

Minerva Users Council Spring Meeting
May 5, 2017
Lithgow Public Library
Augusta, ME

The meeting began at 10:05 a.m.

Attending: Kevin Davis, South Portland Public Library; Liz Soares, Augusta School District Libraries; Nancy Crowell, Scarborough Public Library; Judy Frost, Central Maine Community College; Joanna Breen, Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library; James Rathbun, Baxter Memorial Library; Kyle Neugebauer, Thomas Memorial Library; Michelle Connors, Kennebunk Library; Beth Kane and Katherine Morgan, Norway Memorial Library; Janet Elvidge, Eastern Maine Community College; Shelly Davis, St. Joseph's College; Amber Tatnall, York County Community College; Lynn Uhlman, Maine InfoNet; Morgan McNichol, Eastern Maine Medical Center; Nelson Eubanks, Maine InfoNet; Betsy Pohl, Lithgow Public Library; Steve Norman, Belfast Free Library; Jen Alvino, Windham Public Library.

Lithgow Library Building Project

Betsy Pohl, director of Lithgow, spoke about the building project that resulted in a renovation of the existing 19th century building and an impressive expansion. It was a 20-year process, "hard-fought," with two different plans, two different architects, and two referendums. The second referendum received an 82 percent yes vote.

Betsy noted that timing and fundraising played important roles in the ultimate success. The Friends of Lithgow Library raised \$3 million.

In April 2016 everything was moved out across the river into the old hospital (now a business center) and was there for about a year and a half. On June 14th, ground was broken and the cornerstone of the original building (constructed in 1894) was uncovered.

The staff moved back into the renovated and expanded library in mid-July and on August 15, 2016, 500 to 700 people came through at the grand re-opening.

New features include a much improved children's room, teen area and one central checkout. The end panels from the original book stacks were installed in the board room. Granite veneer panels from the 1970s addition (which was demolished) were used on the stairs. The back of the original building is visible in the extension.

A podium, tables, a display unit and 86 study chairs were purchased by the friends. Gas stove inserts were placed in the fireplaces in the original building. The total cost was just under \$12 million.

The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by both parties. A collection development committee has been formed. The bylaws were updated in March. Membership dues are holding steady for this year, but fees could go in the future.

Maine InfoNet Representative/Judy Frost

Our MOU has become a template and Ursus' will look the same. Before, everything was done "pretty much on a handshake" very and the state library was much more actively involved. Times have changed. We are "trailblazing" these agreements. be more formal now

The Maine Infonet board does look at Minerva as an entity and the mission has not been lost. Maine Infonet staff bring back from the wider world what's happening in the library field and what direction we should be going in.

What we offer the state of Maine is unique.

Kyle Neugebauer asked what made III decide to reduce the cost of add-on features to Sierra. Judy said that Bates, Bowdoin and Colby were looking to exit. We thought we were "driving a Cadillac," then realized we were falling behind. III understood that they could lose all of us. Inn-Reach is a unique collective and we have some bargaining power. If they lock us in they have us for another five years. She noted that \$4200 per year for the new features is a bargain.

Maine InfoNet Technical/Lynn Uhlman

Not a lot is going on. They are holding back on going into the 3.0 version because of bugs being reported. The system codes committee is cleaning up p-types that aren't being used. They are trying to get people to follow Twitter when things are happening. E-mails are not as effective because they go through a kind of loop and can be delayed for 40 minutes. Tickets are the best option, but we should check Twitter first to see if Maine InfoNet has already been notified of a problem.

Treasurer/Amber Tatnall

Invoices are going out next week. If we have ideas on what we can spend our money on, such as new products, let us know. Kevin noted that we could order 600 bags at a cost of \$3400. We also talked about putting our logo on the delivery vans, and using/acquiring a different remote connection as the Tandberg seems to be problematic.

Circulation Standards Committee/James Rathbun

The committee is working on a best practices manual. It's a slow process, but they should be making strides now. The SMS editing text issue will go to the executive board for its next meeting.

Cataloging Standards Committee/Katherine Morgan

Katherine emphasized that attendance at the meeting is very important. She announced the daylong cataloging workshop at St. Joseph's College on June 8th. They were working on the curriculum, but it will focus on RDA and OCLC best practices. The executive board needs to approve the expenditures for lunch and then they will set up registration.

Membership Committee/Steve Norman

They met via Google Hangout and will meet again after the next executive board meeting. Membership will be opened in the summer and already a couple of appropriate libraries are interested. We will be losing KVCC in June and we want to keep our numbers up and our costs down

Other:

.Kevin announced that Susan Preece of Topsham Public Library is the newest member of the executive board. He thanked everyone who voted, but only 26 did. He wants ideas for increasing participation.

Judy Frost noted that out of 60 libraries less than half participate in the users' council meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05, with many attendees going on a tour of the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Soares
Secretary
Minerva Executive Board