

Maine InfoNet Board Meeting
January 6, 2020
Meeting Notes (Zoom meeting)

Present: Pauline Angione, Sarah Campbell, Nancy Grant, Marjorie Hassen,
James Jackson Sanborn, Diane Nadeau, Steve Norman Jamie Ritter, Joyce Rumery
Janet Sortor, Ben Treat
Absent: David Nutty

Approval of December 2, 2019 meeting notes

The notes were approved with one correction, Janet Sortor's name.

Director's Report

The report was sent to the Board prior to the meeting.

The Macmillan purchasing was discussed, we are not purchasing their books centrally – this applies to e-books only. James mentioned a link regarding e-books:

<https://www.vox.com/culture/2019/12/23/20991659/ebook-amazon-kindle-ereader-department-of-justice-publishing-lawsuit-apple-ipad>

There was a question about the drop in audio book use. The reason is not known, the purchase of e-books increased.

Finance Committee Report

The Board reviewed the work of the Finance Committee. The 990 form was shared, the numbers come from Quickbook. There are some changes to be made, the number of Board members and there are some typos to be fixed.

Ben made the motion to accept the 990 with the changes noted. Sarah seconded. All were in favor and the 990 passed.

The Board reviewed other documents. James and Pauline meet monthly for the bank reconciliations. We are following best practices in the MIN office. Staff open the check envelopes and James does the deposits.

Future of Innovative Interfaces

The purchase of Innovative by Ex Libris will be finalized in the first quarter of 2020. Board members who are attending ALA and/or PLA or other conferences may be able to assess the future of ILL by seeing where they are in the vendor area in relation to Ex Libris.

SimplyE report

Jamie reported on SimplyE and what it might mean for the state's e-book collections. It is tied to Lyrasis. There is an open source app, but it requires work on our part. All available titles are shown so it is a more gratifying experience for the user.

The pricing is 85,000 to set up all current library (200+ libraries). Each library would have their own instance. There is also a hosting fee of 4,000 to 12,000.

The next steps – it is really about 20 libraries that have additional collections. Maybe there could be a MIN instance for all others.

SimplyE also comes with about 10,000 high quality e-books.

Jamie will continue to work with this and try for a better pricing model. We can invite them to Maine and ask for a bigger conversation.

Next meeting is February 3, 2020, Maine State Library, Author's Room