

Maine InfoNet Meeting notes 11/1/21

All present except for Diane and Nancy.
Called to order at 1:35pm.

October notes approved -- motion by Joyce, seconded by Marjory.

Item 1: Finance committee reported they had met. Ben Treat reported there were only a few payment anomalies due to the way the dates fell, and there are some overdue payments on the download library. He reported that the group is looking at a forward-looking budget, instead of just reviewing the past each month. Full balance sheet is in the Drive.

Item 2: ARPA.

- James has a request out to III for a quote of one-time fee for Blue Hill / Bywater to be brought into INNReach. Estimated cost \$10,000-15,000. Subsequent additions should be cheaper.
- James is working on a job description and request for a two-year position at \$45-60,000 a year. Title is Systems Support Librarian, MLS preferred. Joyce will work with James on finishing the process.
- James is working with III and two staff members from Polaris on exploring the possible transitions of MILS libraries to Polaris
- 3 activities above total in the \$350-375,000 range.
- 4th activity is with Mitinet. MaineInfonet is in the middle of a pilot with Mitinet for cleaning up Sanford Public Library's catalog of 50,000 records. If successful, we'll get a price quote for further record cleanup with Mitinet.
- (The information in this section will likely change by the time of the December meeting)

Item 3: Jamie discussed IMLS and MIN in terms of the grand expenditure. He confirmed there is a little bit of latitude on the dates. As of the date of this meeting, Jamie is comfortable where we're at in the process.

Item 4: There was a conversation about the Bendable initiative with MSL. Jamie answered several questions from board members. While there is no direct MIN connection to Bendable, it is an initiative that the board should stay informed about.

Item 5: Maine Infonet pre-conference at the Maine Library Association annual conference in May of 2022 was discussed. The Board confirmed its interest in sponsoring and hosting pre-conference in person at Sunday River. After discussing several ideas, it was decided to pursue a two part program. Morning: look at inviting the executive director of Portland Telling Room, and to have her talk about the work, her background etc and to bring some students with her to do readings of their work. This would be followed by a social lunch. The afternoon session would be a continuation of the cross-systems policy discussion. Sara Campbell will

reach out to the Telling Room to see if they are interested. David will provide her with a bulleted list of information for her to work from.

Item 6: The Executive Director's report was presented by James. His report is available on the Drive. He noted that Encore for Minerva has been launched and ComicsPlus is now available for use.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.