

NORTHNET LIBRARY SYSTEM
Finance Committee Meeting
September 2, 2009

CONVENING:

The NorthNet Library System (NLS) Finance Committee met this date via teleconference call with Chair Bill Michael presiding. The meeting convened at 2:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT	ABSENT	MEMBER LIBRARY	REPRESENTATIVE
X		Mono County Free Library	Bill Michael
X		Benicia Public Library	Diane Smikahl
X		Dixon Public Library	Gregg Atkins
X		Plumas County Library	Margaret Miles
X		Sutter County Library	Roxanna Parker
X		NLS System Headquarters – Exec. Dir.	Annette Milliron
X		NLS System Headquarters – Asst. Dir.	Patty Hector

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Introduction weren't necessary.

2. PUBLIC INVITED TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No public were present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Gregg Atkins and seconded by Diane Smikahl. The Motion passed unanimously.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE DISCUSSION

5. REVISED BUDGET FY 2009/10

Ms Milliron presented the Committee with various fee structures based on different factors: population, local income, operating budget, and a graduated fee. Most of the scenarios increased the smaller libraries' fees or pushed large library fees up to an unacceptable amount.

The Committee was concerned that the time is just not right to increase membership fees. The member libraries' budgets have all been cut and the new system hasn't had time to prove its value.

It was suggested that the membership fees remain the same for FY 2010/11. Each of the three regional systems will retain their current fee structure. The regional systems may also determine if local reserve funds may be used in lieu of fees.

Ms Milliron reported that it would be possible to save money from this year's budget to carry-over to next year's budget.

A Motion to direct staff to develop a FY 2010/11 budget whose framework for membership fees is

the same for each system as FY 2009/10 and addresses how any shortfall could be made up through budget savings was moved by Gregg Atkins and seconded by Diane Smikahl seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

6. 49-99 MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION

The Committee expressed concern that NorthNet is still too new to be able to correctly assess the impact of adding more libraries to it. Ms. Milliron reported that she and Ms. Hector have met twice via phone with State Library Staff and Rosario Garza to see if there would be any grant money available to help 49-99 with a merger. The State Library offered a network planning grant. The Committee was happy to hear that 49-99 will be offered a grant by the State to have a consultant work with them on this issue. Discussion ensued.

7. BRIEF NOTES

Ms. Milliron referred the Committee to her brief notes that were included in the meeting packet.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on December 16th at 2:00 p.m.

9. AGENDA BUILDING

- 2010-2011 Budget
- Update on 49-99

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Margaret Miles and seconded by Roxanna Parker. The Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Annette Milliron DeBacker
Clerk of the Committee
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