



**Minutes: July 23, 2020**

**Online (via Zoom Meetings)**

**Approved**

Attendees: Stephanie Johnson, Michele Leininger, Liz Lynch, Laurie Ortega, Karen Pundsack, Krista Ross, Erin Smith (left meeting at 11:00 a.m.), Jim Trojanowski, Scott Vrieze, Jim Weikum, Ann Hokanson (joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.), Carla Lydon (joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.)

Guests: Jen Nelson, State Library Services; Maggie Snow, Minitex; Beth Burns, The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library; Alayne Hopkins, The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library; Sam Walseth, Capitol Hill Associates (joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Liz Lynch.

<b><u>ACTION</u></b>	<b><u>MOVED BY</u></b>	<b><u>RESULT</u></b>
<b>Motion to approve draft Agenda</b>	<b>Smith/Vrieze</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>Motion to approve corrected May 28, 2020 minutes</b>	<b>Johnson/Ross</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>Motion to approve June 15, 2020 meeting minutes</b>	<b>Vrieze/Ortega</b>	<b>Approved</b>

**Motions to accept Financial Reports**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>CRPLSA Fund</b> As of the end of FY (6/30/2020); no outstanding invoices.</li> </ul>	<b>Leininger/Hokanson</b>	<b>Approved</b>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>CRPLSA Library Legacy Fund</b> Previously approved 4 author programs via e-mail (May 14?) @ VLS, GRRL, MELSA, Plum Creek; remove this item from future agendas.</li> </ul>	<b>Vrieze/Hokanson</b>	<b>Approved</b>
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**Minnesota Center for the Book:** Beth Burns and Alayne Hopkins reviewed documents made available prior to the meeting. Discussion covered eleven (11) upcoming “Moving Words” programs around the state and the “One Book, One Minnesota” books one, two, and three. There was also extensive conversation concerning a possible community engagement initiative that would be statewide. It was noted that “community engagement” and “capacity building” have different meanings to different people and different areas around Minnesota.

## **Minitex Report**

Maggie touched on Minitex planning for this Fall, an upcoming ELM Expo in the SELCO region, a webinar series on “project management”, and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Center for Excellence. It was also noted that there would soon (next week) be a statewide discussion about resource sharing & delivery. Strategic planning is also on the Minitex radar.

## **State Library Services**

Jen covered a variety of topics including September workshops on social work in libraries (Sara Zettervall) as well as plans for an all-day training on racism discussion in storytimes (featuring a librarian from Grand Rapids, Michigan). Jen touched on “LiveMore ScreenLess” an reported on Leah Larson’s efforts on the YALS “T3” initiative. 2019 data from the public library annual reports will be available soon. There will be some new annual report questions coming from the federal level that should be “Yes/No” questions. MDE Commissioner Ricker hoping for another conversation with staff from Minnesota libraries MDE undergoing strategic planning. Jen also spoke about Equity & Inclusion activities.

## **Legislative Report**

Sam noted that Special Legislative Session #2 has come and gone without a bonding bill, and it might be too late for a bonding bill now until 2021. There is anticipation around the possibility of another federal relief package. Next week, the Governor’s office will announce guideline for re-opening schools.

## **CRPLSA 2021 Legislative Initiatives**

Sam noted that local and state government budgets will be difficult for the foreseeable future. Possibilities include withholding percentages of payments like RLBSS. Sam’s advice is to prepare to be on the defensive when dealing with the Legislature and that libraries need to be prepared to articulate and report on what they’ve been doing during the pandemic in terms of continuing to provide services. Michele noted the history of the critical roles played by libraries during economic downturns and recoveries.

## **CareerForce (MN Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED))**

Michele noted the importance of “capacity building” to enable library staff to do more that just direct library patrons to CareerForce resources. The group agreed to query local libraries concerning any existing relationships with CareerForce.

### **Capitol Hill Associates (CHA) contract**

Discussion about the merits of various groups in the Minnesota Library Partners coalition possibly each contracting directly with CHA. The consensus was to continue with the current shared contract and CRPLSA will urge the other partners to revisit the operations of the partnership process.

**Motion to approve two year CHA contract**

**Trojanowski/Hokanson**

**Approved**

### **Committee & Liaison Reports**

- Continuing Education = not the appropriate time to plan activities
- Legislative Committee = see Sam's report
- Marketing Committee = no report
- Website Committee = no report
- MN Center for the Book = discussion about using Legacy dollars instead of legislative funds
- LegWork Committee = no report
- Minitex = highlights covered in Maggie's report
- MLA Board = no report
- Legislative Steering Committee = no report
- Multitype Directors = no report

### **COVID-19 Updates**

Liz referenced the "mask mandate" from Governor Walz; some Great River library sites also serve as polling places; *some* libraries are receiving CARES Act funds from their cities and counties?

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

**There being no further business to conduct, Chair Lynch adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.**

*Jim Weikum, 2020 CRPLSA Secretary*