

Meeting Notes for November 13, 2018



Present: *Cindy Aden, Andrew Chanse, Patricia Cutright (vice chair), Lynn Kanne, Patricia Devine, Rolf Hapel, Trish Henry, Beth Hudson, Chris Martin, Jeff Martin, Lorena O'English (chair), Christine Peck, Linda Rose, Jane Rizika, and Maura Walsh*

Not attending: *Kyle Cox and Ann Lally*

Meeting _____

O'English called the meeting to order. She invited everyone around the table to share of memory of Jeff Martin, who would be retiring after many years of service.

Approval of the agenda last meeting's minutes, with five corrections noted.

State Librarian Report _____

Aden welcomed Rolf Hapel, the iSchool's Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, who may be substituting regularly for Anind Dey as an ex-officio member of LCW.

Aden discussed the state library's virtual reality project. WSL is working with OCCULUS and the University of Washington. Several staff members attended an annual conference for developers in San Jose, CA. They learned all about special applications, new programming and where developers expect the technology to go in the future. The applications for people with different learning abilities and styles is enormous. WSL hosted an exhibit and let everyone try the experience at the Washington Library Association conference last October.

Aden also highlighted several initiatives:

WSL needs more staff and we are able to hire some. We try not to hire anyone who doesn't raise the bar. We have high expectations and current staff is strengthening and expanding programs. WSL is currently advertising for a new cataloguer for both serials and electronic.

- The Center for the Book is a national program sponsored by the Library of Congress. In combination with this program, we held a very successful Washington State authors awards in conjunction with Seattle Public Library. We can do more and are working on ways to parlay this accomplishment with programs across the state.

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- The Library Passport program, an online participatory event, was a big success. It highlighted the importance of libraries as a physical space. We will look for ways to continue and expand it.
- Washington State Legislature approved \$80,000 to study distressed libraries. Waylon Roberts, a student at Evergreen, is conducting a history of library funding. When the 1935 legislature passed funding access for regional libraries, they understood that process wouldn't be independently viable. Now, there are current members of both the legislature and the library community who are stepping up to attempt to organize and support funding. We would like boundaries around funding for some capital improvements. Libraries need to be very vocal with legislators who need to know our needs and what libraries actually do and can do.
- WSL has launched a trial with NewsBank through December 2019. Some libraries are afraid to raise expectations if they can't pay later. WSL needs to explore how to finance this with a favorable consortia price going forward even if less libraries continue.
- WSL pays for half of ProQuest. Lynda just launched and it's free for any user with a valid library card. Microsoft Imagine Academy is supported by legislative funding, Hawaii and Washington are the only two states that offer this; we pay for licenses and certifications.

2019 Work plan _____

Martin summarized the current [work plan](#) using LSTA funding which amounts to about \$3.49 million this year (2018). He highlighted some of the currently funded programs, explaining details and answering questions about these programs, among others:

Action Research	Off the Page and Recorded books
Ask WA	Professional skills and development
COHA	Statewide Database licensing
Digital newspaper project	Washington Digital Heritage
Libraies in state facillities	Workforce development

Information sharing and items for upcoming meetings _____

Many members shared information about projects going on now or projects in the planning stages for their libraries. These included many programs on STEAM and different ideas about community partnerships, ongoing usage issues and outreach.

We discussed possible meeting venues for upcoming LCW meetings. Spokane for October and Vancouver for April were suggested.