

Minutes

VSLA Semi-Annual Meeting Fall Conference Brattleboro Union High School October 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by President Marsha Middleton. 38 members were in attendance.

Marsha welcomed our State Librarian, **Marty Reid**, who spoke briefly about her 30 years experience as a public librarian and the influential moment in Thailand when she witnessed the power of books and decided to attend library school. She provided handouts including an organizational chart of the DOL staff, which now numbers 26 (33 last year when she began her term), an news/activities list, and a list of DOL services with contact names and info.

Secretary's Report: The report for the May 12, 2009 VSLA meeting was projected on the screen (with lots of help!), and after a motion for approval by Cynthia Nau and a second by Sue Furry-Irish, was accepted.

Membership Report: Karen Hennig introduced five new members at today's conference, who wore florescent orange badges and were warmly welcomed. Karen delivered a reminder that the deadline for renewals for VSLA 09-10 membership is October 31st.

Continuing Education:

Judy Kaplan was invited to speak about the UVM certification sequence, and she shared a handout of the sequence. She elaborated on the new plans to provide already-certified librarians with professional development courses. The pre-certification program has proven very popular, and with 33 current students, Judy will be hiring another instructor. This new level of courses is being designed to meet the needs for practicing librarians to keep current with 21st century and technology standards and new pedagogies and for librarians to become 21st century leaders in their schools. Judy asked for input: what do members want and what could they offer in terms of resources and instructing. Further announcements will be shared on the listserv.

Treasurer's Report:

Donna presented several reports on the screen: VSLA Expenses 08-09, totaling \$11,940.10; VSLA budget 2008-9; and VSLA Treasurer's End-of-the-Year Report 08-09. She reported that our organization is doing well. She also reported that memorial gifts for **Madeline Sherman** included \$65 to Proctor School for books and \$70 for a scholarship fund, both in her memory. Donna asked for input about where to earmark a VSLA Board donation of \$100 and after discussion, the motion to give the \$100 to the Scholarship Fund (made by Berta Winkler and seconded by Sue Monmaney), was carried. Cindy Salmon moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, Angel Harris seconded, and the report was approved.

President's Report:

Marsha Middleton thanked **Anna Bolognani and her committee** for a wonderful conference and luncheon. 56 attendees were counted during the keynote address.

Marsha updated the group on the **Library Curriculum Document**, which is located on the VSLA website. She asked that members start using the wiki so that it can be a statewide initiative, and she raised the need for a member to chair this committee.

Spring Conference: Report by Sue Furry-Irish

The VSLA board has investigated teaming up with VITA-LEARN to blend with their Dynamic Landscapes conference in the spring. Sue Furry-Irish shared some of the parameters of the proposal so far, which is going to be voted on by the VITA-LEARN membership in November during VT Fest. The hope is that a 2 day conference will be held jointly in May 2010. Donna Smyth asked if VITA-LEARN was looking for seed money; Sue will inquire. Many details need to be further discussed, but members pointed out how this would be an excellent opportunity to establish collaborations with teachers and also provide leadership & training. Sue requested permission to give the okay to Champlain College, which Harriette Phillips-Hamblett moved, Cynthia Nau seconded, and members approved.

The motion to **adjourn** was delivered by Angel Harris and seconded by Harriette Phillips-Hamblett, and the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindy Sargent, Secretary