

Shared Automation System Users Group

Executive Committee – Meeting Minutes

Livonia Civic Center Library

June 7, 2018

Chair Paul McCann called the meeting to order at 1:34.

Members Present: Paul McCann (DEXT), Martin Smith (REDF), Andrea Dickson (WIXM), Ed Rutkowski (BRIT), Anne Hage (HTWD), Patty Braden (ROMS), Vanessa Morris (TAYL), Amy Rosen (WHLK)

Members Absent: Holly Teasdale (LYON)

Others Present: Michael McCaffery (DHTN)

Guests: Angie Michelini (TLN), Anne Neville (TLN), Celia Morse (TLN – Consultant), Jim Pletz (TLN)

McCann called for additions to the agenda. Motion to approve as presented by Hage, seconded by Rosen. Agenda approved (Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2)

McCann called for approval of the May 10, 2018 minutes. Motion to approve minutes with corrections (page 1 Bridgette to Brigitte, page 1 3X to 55, page 2 Flatrock to Flat Rock) by Braden, seconded by Dickson. Minutes approved (Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2)

Reports

Budget:

Neville distributed the Shared Technology Services budget for 10/17 thru 4/18. There is nothing out of the ordinary to date.

TLN Board Meeting:

No meeting since we last met.

Carl update (ongoing performance):

The first week we were live on Carl, Carl reps visited DEXT, NOVI, NORT, CHEL, FERN, and BERK to see how things were going and learn more about who SAS is.

Because libraries had asked about lists not transferring from Enterprise to the Carl catalog Neville requested a quote from Sirsi to extract the data. The data is not as simple as a list, as some lists are dynamically built from saved searches. The data extracted will not be able to be imported to Carl, so it would have to be distributed as a printout or an electronic file.

Rutkowski entered the meeting at 1:53

After discussion of the pros and cons about the list extract there was no motion to approve a dollar figure for proceeding, which would have to be done by the end of June, our end contract date with Sirsi. The reason not to proceed was basically that TLN staff has enough other important Carl tuning to do in the next month that it's not worth the extra effort needed to deal with lists.

Technology Services Update:

Circuit upgrades are coming in July. Upgrades to 100Mbps or less should take place on July 2. Upgrades to speeds over 100Mbps require an on-site visit and will take place the first 2 weeks of July. Preliminary site visits are taking place currently.

Unfinished Business

A. Inkster library closure

A. Michelini

Michelini has spoken to the INKS director and found that their anticipated temporary location did not work out and they are still searching for a temporary location. They have purchased a building for a permanent location and plan to open that May 1, 2019.

McCaffery, whose library has been seeing additional traffic from INKS patrons, stated he is not overly concerned if a temporary location does not pan out, as long as the 5/19 date for the permanent location does occur.

Pletz reported that no library is seeing more than a 5% increase due to INKS patrons and that INKS is current on SAS bills.

B. TLC/CARL post-migration

C. Morse, A. Neville

A low priority option has been added to the Help Desk to report Carl issues/desires that don't need immediate attention (i.e. sort catalog search results by x).

Morse is going to ALA and will meet with Carl staff. She is taking a list of enhancements we would like to see, enhancements we believe are really needed, and features way may be willing to pay to have added.

One major concern at the moment is the way renewals work. There is less information provided about blocked renewals compared to Symphony. Also, an item can be blocked from renewal because there is a hold on a title, but the blocked item may not fill the hold because of the rules for that media type. Symphony looked at the item type before blocking renewal so those erroneous blocks did not occur.

Pletz talked about how hard TLN staff has been working on the migration and Ex-Comm expressed appreciation for the effort.

C. SAS Philosophy/Mission

A. Dickson

Nothing to report.

D. SAS Incentives/Returning members

J. Pletz

On hold until we're settled into Carl.

New Business

A. Renewal parameters in Carl

P. McCann, A. Neville, C. Morse

In Carl items renewed set the due date based on the current due date, as opposed to the date of the renewal. This sets up a situation where an item with a 21 day loan period with 2 renewals can be immediately renewed twice for a total of 63 days. This is different than Symphony and could set up situations where patrons keep books for longer periods, slowing down hold fulfillment. It also makes it easier for patrons to extend due dates themselves when they know they are going on vacation or need extra time, without having to renew closer to the due date. We do have the option to change the behavior to the way Symphony worked. Various pros and cons were discussed and it was decided to let the system play out for a while as is.

Braden left the meeting at 3:35.

Other Items from Committee members

Rutkowski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:40. Seconded by Smith. Meeting adjourned (Yes 7, No 0, Absent 2).

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Smith

Next meeting: July 5, 2018 at 1:30 pm, Livonia Civic Center Library