**Catamount Library Network (CLN):**

**Board of Directors:** Jennie Rozycki, President (No. Bennington), Sue Dowdell, Vice President (Springfield), Janet Clapp, Treasurer (Rutland), Holly Hall, Secretary (Jericho/DRawson), Starr LaTronica(Brooks),

**Attendees:** Wendy Sharkey (Bennington), Cathi Wilkens (Guilford), Bridget Stone-Allard (Georgia Public), Kendra Aber-Ferri (Morristown), Clare McFarland (Norman Williams)

**Not Present:** Tony Pikramenos (Reading), Cheryll DeRue (Brigham/Bakersfield), Sarah Snow (Ainsworth), Sarah Wiles, (The Putney School) Catherine Goldsmith (Starksboro), Emily Zervas(Putney), Amy Williams (Rutland), Tyler Strong (Royalton), Rene Cressy (West Rutland), (Waterbury),Jill Tofferi (Ludlow/Fletcher), Lynne Fonteneau-McCann(Bennington),

**CLN Board Meeting July 12, 2021 Go-To-Meeting**

**Called to Order by President Jennie: 12:00 PM**

**Additions to the agenda:** Connecting with member libraries.

**Public comment(s):** none

**Minutes:**

*Motion by Sue and seconded by Janet to accept the Catamount Library Network Board Minutes of June 7, 2021 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Treasurer’s Report: Janet**

* All treasurer reports are posted on Basecamp.
* Invoices have been sent to the five libraries that subscribe to OCLC.

**New Member Update:**

* Westminster West has about a quarter of their collection in the catalog. They are moving along nicely. Once they are at 50% Wendy will start the process of planning a Go Live date.
* Erica Schott of the Dorset Library visited Jennie to see the staff side of Koha. She is currently working up a budget to present to their foundation so that they can join Catamount. She was unable to attend this meeting but will try to join the next one.
* The village school of Bennington has expressed an interest in joining however it is unclear if they meet the requirements. Jennie will look into it.

**ByWater Call Update: Wendy& Sue**

* No big outstanding tickets currently.
* Sue priced out an integration that Springfield would like for Koha to accept the payment form their library uses. It was unclear if this is a board decision or if Springfield can pursue because it would only apply to their library.

**Catalogers Group Report: Janet**

* On June 10th OCLC did a presentation. The presentation was not comparable to Aspen. After that 3-hour presentation is was decided that a Catamount meeting was too much and it was cancelled. There is no date set right now for the next catalogers meeting.

**Loans Group Report: Jennie**

* Thank you, Bridget, for taking over the coordinator spot until October!
* The group met June 24th and approved recommending that the board move ahead with Aspen.
* Minutes and a recording of the meeting are posted on Basecamp.
* The next meeting is August 19th at 9 AM.

**Old Business:**

* Our ByWater contract expired at the end of January. It auto renewed. It is a two-year contract. Jennie will contact ByWater to start negotiations on a new one sometime in January 2022. Westminster West will probably not be live yet so they will be pro-rated once they are.
* On April 6th the cataloging group approved recommending that the board move ahead with Aspen if a few questions could be answered. Sue will contact ByWater and will post the questions and answers on Basecamp.
* Starr will contact VtLib to see if the consortia will be able to receive and use ARPA funds to cover the initial set-up fee for Aspen.
* Sue has a spreadsheet she worked on to give a more equal distribution of the cost of Aspen to member libraries. She will send it to Jennie and Janet so that they may use it as they plan the next Catamount budget.
* As Jennie had individual phone conversations with some of the libraries we haven’t heard from about various items, most were in favor of Aspen as long as they had time to plan for the cost increase in the individual library budgets. It might be possible for the Catamount budget to cover the start up cost and first year. Wendy will contact ByWater to verify the costs.

**New Business:**

* Jennie and Janet are working on the next Catamount budget. It was agreed that the numbers from 2019 will be used to calculate the budget because COVID significantly impacted the member libraries 2020 numbers. Also, the state has not published the 2020 statistics yet.

**Membership:**

* Jennie has been reaching out to some of the member libraries that have not been participating in Catamount meetings or on Basecamp. Sue and Starr volunteered to also reach out to some. Jennie will divide and share the remainder of her list with them.
* Holly suggested that when a member library has a director that leaves, the board should reach out to the new director to welcome them and make sure that they understand what being a part of Catamount means. We could even offer to mentor them if that would be helpful.

**Next Meeting:**

* Monday August 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM. It will be a GoToMeeting.

*Motion made to adjourn by Janet and seconded by Holly. Motion passed unanimously.*

Adjourned 12:50 PM