

Green Gold Minutes

January 9, 2015

The Green Gold Library System Directors met for a regular meeting at Winn Parish Library at 10:00 a.m. on January 9, 2015. Present: Mary Doherty, Linn Landis, Jennie Paxton, Deonci Sutton, Peggy Walls, Vivian McCain, Beverly Hammett, Teresa Rice representing Bossier Parish, and Amy Walmsley representing Natchitoches Parish. Others present were CFO Jim Pelton, Jennie Weeks, Doris Lively and Connie Ammons.

Co-President Jennie Paxton established a quorum, called the meeting to order, and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

There were no additions to the agenda or audience comments.

Upon motion by Vivian McCain, seconded by Peggy Walls, the minutes of the November 21, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as e-mailed.

Jim Pelton reported that Green Gold finances were in good shape, and he passed out Overdrive circulation statistics for the year. Jennie Weeks from Shreve offered her assistance in providing tips to increase Overdrive circulation and reported that Shreve would be using Flipster digital magazines instead of Zinio.

Jennie Weeks reported on Overdrive's Cost per Circ plan and provided a sampling of titles from MGM and Warner Brothers Studios. MGM has 90 titles at \$2.99 per circ. Warner Brothers has 399 titles at \$1.99 per circ. There is no additional charge to make this feature available to patrons, and the consortium would be billed monthly and paid through Green Gold with a portion of the money dedicated at the last meeting to video streaming. The method and/or amount of payment will be revisited at the next meeting when statistics will be available.

Upon motion by Vivian McCain, seconded by Teresa Rice, it was unanimously approved to turn on the Overdrive Cost per Circ feature.

Upon motion by Vivian McCain, seconded by Teresa Rice, it was unanimously approved to place a limit of 5 MGM titles and 5 Warner Brothers titles per patron per month to be consistent with current Overdrive limits for other formats.

Upon motion by Teresa Rice, seconded by Vivian McCain, it was unanimously approved to remove the "Buy It Now" button from Overdrive since Simon and Schuster has eliminated that requirement.

There was a brief discussion about the procedure for the non-renewal of Freegal. Jennie Paxton will officially inform the company on behalf of Green Gold. It was unknown exactly when this feature will become unavailable to our patrons. It could be as early as the first week in February, so libraries should alert staff, educate their patrons, and be prepared to answer questions. This does not prohibit individual libraries from renewing their subscription at their own price negotiations and payment arrangements with the company. The Green Gold System will not be involved in individual library renewals.

Members reported on their respective libraries.

Mary Doherty invited everyone for a guided tour of her new library.

There being no further business, Jennie Paxton declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hammett