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Talking Book and Braille Service Advisory Committee

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GWENDOLYN BROOKS BUILDING R00M 113 September 11, 2015

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Held by teleconference at this site:

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MINUTES

- 2:00 p.m. Meeting Convenes 2:04
Welcome and Call to order – Chair Whewell
- Roll Call – Ruda
In attendance: Bartkowski, Jackson, Martin, Tesfaye, Watson, Whewell, Varney, (Chandler and Hendle arrived late).
- Absent: Bogdan,
- 2:10 p.m. Seating of new and reappointed members: Margaret Varney and Larry Whewell – Ruda welcomed them for Chair Bartkowski
- 2:15 p.m. Minutes of Preceding Meeting – June 12, 2015
Recommended Motion: Advisory committee moves the adoption of the June 12, 2015 minutes with any corrections as noted.
Motion: Approval of minutes as written – Watson
Second: Tesfay
Motion: Passed
- 2:20 p.m. Special informational program – Judith Dixon, NLS Consumer Relations Officer spoke to the group.
1. BARD – It is back up and running. The situation was due to the Library of Congress technology problem, NLS was a low priority. Nothing was lost and no damage occurred. 37,000 and 4000 mags downloaded the first day it was up and running again.
 2. Adding 2000 audio books per year but now that audio commercial publishers are sharing files (Hachette, Penguin, Random House and Scholastic and others in negotiation), now 3000 per year. Publishers have said NLS can add to the audio collection any books that the company has available.

3. Speeding up the analog conversion, in two years the final 6000 will be completed.
4. Increased the length of time magazines can be held has been lengthened.
5. More tactile graphics are being added to books that benefit from the addition.
6. Music blog has new posts each week: Music Notes <http://blogs.loc.gov/nls-music-notes/>
7. Facebook page in place now.
8. BARD mobile – two year anniversary on Sept. 19. The iOS upgrade has been in Beta testing for 6 months. Will go to app store within a few days. There will be problems when people upgrade to Windows. It will include a sleep timer in the app.
9. BARD Android app is now available but does not support braille. When available in the Amazon store, will be able to use it on Kindle.

Q and A: All of flexible disc books were changed to cassettes.

The gothic novels will be available in new format.

Judy described the selection process for books that are chosen for the NLS collection. NLS has an advisory committee that makes suggestions to the collection development department.

Judy has written a book regarding travel apps. Her most recent book was one on games. They probably won't be available through NLS because they have a short shelf life.

Consumer advisory committees can be very helpful to the library: advocate for the program, visit organizations where people are eligible, raise concerns of which you are aware, let legislators know what you feel. There has been a change to the currency reader program. Citizens must fill out a form and send to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. BEP has its own free phone app: Eynote.

2:50 p.m.

President's report: Whewell

Appointment of nominating committee members for FY16 – Information was given regarding what the committee does. Whewell asked for volunteers: Tesfaye, Martin, Bartkowski (as chair).

Correspondence from Blind Services Planning Council – Whewell gave information regarding the committee and its function. He will contact the BSPC to ask for an ex officio member to be appointed to TBBS committee.

Report from members on their outreach efforts for the currency reader – Tesfaye and Martin spread word by social media, Chandler went to low vision group, Whewell and staff did a promotion through work.

3:15 p.m.

Reports from:

Ruda -

Taylor

Chenoweth

3:55 pm

Public Comment – Jackson reported on promoting the service at a senior fair. Varney toured the Library of Congress and saw a two minute video that included the talking book program. Watson asked if the advisory committee would be able to meet in person. The answer is unknown.

4:00pm

Adjournment 4:01

The next meeting will be held on December 11, 2015. The rest of the meetings for the fiscal year are March 11 and June 10, 2016