

Steering Committee Minutes  
FOUNDATION FOR SOUTHERN TIER LIBRARIES  
April 13, 2011

Present were Philip Archer, Mary Bacalles, Sherry Collins, Peter Gamba, Martin Green, Bruce Gugliotta, Maija De Roche, Di Figenscher, Denise King, Judy Phillips, Jerry Smyder, Bonnie Weber, Dale Wexell, and Ristiina Wigg, STLS

The meeting began at 4:35pm with a light supper.

Bonnie Weber welcomed everyone, asked them to introduce themselves, and discussed the Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries and the Steering Committee's work.

Dale Wexell discussed the Board's rationale for creating a Foundation and presented a PowerPoint discussing the power of libraries to change lives, the role of Southern Tier Library System in investing in the growth and success of its member libraries, and the STLS vision for the future.

Mr. Wexell then talked about a proposed plan for public relations and fund development in the Foundation's first year, and introduced a draft job description for Foundation directors.

The group discussed the value of the Foundation, next steps (recruiting 4 more Foundation trustees, applying for incorporation in New York State, application for IRS 501(c)3 status), STLS trustee contributions of \$3,000 toward initial Foundation expenses, and STLS trustee's role in recruiting more Foundation trustees. It was agreed that when preliminary work is completed by the Steering Committee, the Foundation Board will begin making decisions about how to move forward.

**Next meeting will be May 4, 4:30pm, STLS service center.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ristiina Wigg