

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, January 21, 2014 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: David Byrne, Jennifer Cannon, Jeff Eide, Jenny McElroy, Donna Nix, Melinda Stefanski, Ann Walker Smalley-Metronet, Deanna Sylte-Metronet

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Melinda Stefanski moved to approve the agenda; Jenny McElroy seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 11/19/13 meeting

Melinda Stefanski moved to approve the 11/19/13 minutes as written; David Byrne seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of November and December 2013 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written from November and December.

Jennifer Cannon moved to approve the November and December 2013 checks written; Jenny McElroy seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statements – November and December 2013

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

Ann gave the usual overview/update of MILI activities. She noted that the program is going well in both Brooklyn Center and Minneapolis although there has been some reduction in attendance in Brooklyn Center, which is not uncommon. She and LeAnn will begin working soon to identify possible new districts to participate in 2014-15. David asked about the profile of MILI “customers” and if funding was a factor, such as if there is more need for MILI in less well-funded districts. Ann replied that the presence of a Library Media Specialist in each building of a district is the primary criteria for participating in MILI, so funding is less of an issue.

B. 23 Mobile Things

The program began on January 15 and there are 339 people registered so far – we are hoping for 1000. LeAnn did an outstanding job coordinating the program – there is a wide range of apps. Anyone can participate in the program, but only library-related people can participate (staff, Friends, board members, etc). Metronet recruited five “coaches” from St. Kate’s to help read and comment on blogs. Registration closes on February 15 and the program must be completed by June 15 to win a completion prize. In addition to the prize, badges are awarded at 5, 10, 15, 20 and 23 things as a form of encouragement/reward.

C. Twin Cities Teen Convention (TC²)

This will be an all-day book-focused event for teens, held on May 17 at Sibley High School. Activities will include author talks, panels, an exhibit area, and more. The committee meets tomorrow to continue planning, including gathering input from some local media specialists, possibly offering grants to allow schools to bus students to the event, and more.

D. CE Scholarships

The scholarship application form was updated with the following changes:

- Change deadline to eight weeks prior to event
- Preference given to non-administrative applicants
- Clarify the dates of Metronet’s fiscal year (applicants can only apply every other fiscal year)

- Increase the scholarship from \$350 to \$500

Melinda Stefanski moved to approve the changes in the scholarship application and the increase in award amount; Jennifer Cannon seconded; approved unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. 2014 Camp Read-A-Lot

Camp will be held at a new location this year – the Dakota Lodge at Thompson Lake Park in West St. Paul (off Highway 52). Ann and Kathleen James (MELSA) have toured the site and feel it will suit our needs well. In addition, because it is a larger space, we may be able to have more attendees for Day Camp. The featured author this year is Jack Gantos, and other details are in the works.

B. 2014 Legislative Day Scholarship

Ann requested \$1500 to fund scholarships to cover the costs for substitutes, mileage, etc. to allow school library media specialists to attend Library Legislative Day on March 5. This year is a bonding year so attendance doesn't feel as crucial, but we had two scholarship attendees last year and it went very well so we'd still like to have that presence.

Donna Nix moved to approve \$1500 to fund scholarships for Library Legislative Day attendance; David Byrne seconded; approved unanimously.

VIII. Director's Report

AWS gave an overview of activities for past few months (written report provided to board).

IX. Other / Board Sharing

Donna Nix mentioned the Hubbs Literature Conference at St. Thomas.

X. Next Meeting – March 18, 2014

XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.