

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, January 20, 2015 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: David Byrne, Jennifer Cannon, Jean Doolittle, Lisa Gearman, Jenny McElroy, Donna Nix, Paul Ryberg, Tom Shaughnessy, Maggie Snow

Staff: Ann Walker Smalley-Metronet, Deanna Sylte-Metronet, Olivia Moris-Metronet

I. Call to order

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

II. Approval of agenda

Donna Nix moved to approve the agenda; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 11/18/14 meeting

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve the 11/18/14 minutes as written; David Byrne seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of November and December 2014 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written from November and December.

Maggie Snow moved to approve the November and December 2014 checks written; Jean Doolittle seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statements – November and December 2014

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

Everything is on track. The mid-term report/evaluations from Minneapolis and St. Paul are attached to the Director's Report. The responses are very positive and both districts are interested in participating in 2015-16. An offer to new districts will go out in MetroBriefs soon, as well. Ann noted that if a large building with 15 or more teachers wanted to participate, Metronet would be willing to work with a single school rather than a district. Tom discussed being on the advisory group for non-public schools and asked if those schools would be eligible to participate in MILI, to which Ann responded that yes they would, providing they meet the requirements (full-time licensed media specialist, enough participants, etc.).

B. Libraries and Service Delivery Consultant Group

The draft report was shared with the board, and the final report will be available in February. The content of the final version will be mostly the same, with some structural changes. Ann gave a brief overview and noted that there was good support for school interests from all representatives on the group.

VII. New Business

A. Continuing Education Scholarships

The board reviewed the scholarship application from Jennifer Perusse.

Donna Nix moved to approve the scholarship application from Jennifer Perusse; Jean Doolittle seconded; approved unanimously.

Deanna provided copies of a spreadsheet summarizing scholarship applications from FY08 to current. For informational purposes only to give an overview of types of applicants, events attended, etc.

B. Teen Lit Con

Teen Lit Con 2015 happens on May 9 at Sibley High School. All ten authors have been chosen (four national, six local). The CEU requirements have also been revamped, with eight available for attending the day and participating in some follow-up questions, or 10 available for completing those requirements and serving a two-hour volunteer shift at the event. MELSA is offering transportation scholarships for up to 10 buses. Last year's event had 600+ attendees and the hope is for 1000+ this year.

C. Camp Read-A-Lot

Still working on a location which in turn will dictate the exact date of the event (first part of August).

VIII. Director's Report

AWS gave an overview of Metronet activities (written report provided to board).

IX. Other / Board Sharing

- Donna mentioned the Hubbs Children's Literature Conference on February 21
- Jenny noted that the Minnesota Historical Society's History Day Hullabaloo was a big success – approximately 70 people attended. She also noted that History Day is looking for regional and state judges.

X. Next Meeting – March 17, 2015

XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.