

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, March 18, 2014 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: David Byrne, Jennifer Cannon, Jeff Eide, Gina Light, Jeremiah Lynch, Jenny McElroy, Donna Nix, Melinda Stefanski, Ann Walker Smalley-Metronet, LeAnn Suchy-Metronet, Deanna Sylte-Metronet

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Jenny McElroy moved to approve the agenda; Gina Light seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 1/21/14 meeting

Gina Light moved to approve the 1/21/14 minutes as written; Jenny McElroy seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of January and February 2014 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written from January and February.

Gina Light moved to approve the January and February 2014 checks written; Melinda Stefanski seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statements – January and February 2014

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

Metronet is still looking at possible schools/districts to work with next year. LeAnn Suchy has submitted her resignation, effective 3/27/14, so the MILI Manager position will need to be filled ASAP. Ann noted that all MILI sessions had to be canceled in January due to the weather.

B. 23 Mobile Things

700+ people have registered, and there are even some completions already. People seem to enjoy receiving the badges upon completion of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 23 Things. LeAnn still has a few speaking engagements about 23 Mobile Things and will complete those.

C. Teen Literature Conference

The name has changed from TC² to Teen Literature Conference (TeenLitCon for short). It will be held on Saturday, May 17, at Henry Sibley High School in Mendota Heights, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day will feature four national authors and six Minnesota authors, panels, workshops, exhibits, book signings and more. The target audience is grades 6-12 although all are welcome. MELSA is offering busing scholarships to help schools/districts get their students to the event. The event is free and open to the public. Metronet is handling the website, Ning, and social media for the event.

D. Camp Read-A-Lot

Registration will open in early April. The featured author this year is Jack Gantos, and we'll be at a new location – Dakota Lodge in West St. Paul. Day Camp will be held on Thursday, August 7.

VII. New Business

A. FY15 New Board Recruitment

We need public and school representatives and two citizen members for FY15. Ann will advertise in MetroBriefs and board members will recruit among friends, etc.

B. Continuing Education Scholarship Application

After a great deal of discussion the board unanimously agreed to deny the scholarship application submitted by Sandra Seha-Luoma for a drum circle training in California. The board felt that local options were available that would be more fiscally responsible and that the application did not clearly explain how the training was related to library programming or how it would benefit libraries.

VIII. Director's Report

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

IX. Other / Board Sharing

X. Next Meeting – May 20, 2014

XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm.

Jeff Eide moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m.; Jenny McElroy seconded; approved unanimously.