

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, March 15, 2016 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: Jenny McElroy, Donna Nix, Paul Ryberg, Tom Shaughnessy, Diane Wallace-Reid
Staff: Olivia Moris, Ann Walker Smalley, Deanna Sylte

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 1/19/16 meeting

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve the 1/19/16 minutes as written; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of January and February 2016 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written from January and February.

Paul Ryberg moved to approve the January and February 2016 checks written; Donna Nix seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statements – January and February 2016

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

MILI continues with Saint Paul Public Schools teachers and media specialists, as well as a second group for paraprofessionals. Olivia has conducted three sessions with the paraprofessionals and will do two more. Ann and Olivia met the district technology director who seems supportive of libraries. St. Paul plans to hire the five media specialists that were not hired last year due to budget cuts.

Ann and Olivia are in talks with Minneapolis to offer MILI as a ProPay class. They are unsure if MILI will be held in Saint Paul Schools next year – Leslie Yoder is retiring so that may have an effect.

B. Board Recruitment

We are still in need of one more citizen representative. Ann has asked her OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) participants but no takers yet.

C. Teen Lit Con

Teen Lit Con will be held on May 7 at Sibley HS. Metronet is managing the bus scholarship applications. So far there are 13 applications for bus scholarships. We are also in need of volunteers – all are welcome!

D. Metronet Logo

There were almost 200 entries for the Metronet logo redesign and the winning designer was very responsive to our requests for different file types, etc. Thank you to everyone who voted for their favorite design.

VII. New Business

A. Strategic Planning

The Strategic Plan is updated each year and submitted with the aid application, but it has been some time since the plan has actually been rewritten. The Board received the most recent Strategic Plan update (2015-16) and draft questions which would be sent to metro-area library staff via MetroBriefs, MLA and ITEM. A small subcommittee will review the questions before they are sent out. Jenny McElroy and Diane Wallace-Reid volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

VIII. Director's Report

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

IX. Other / Board Sharing

X. Next Meeting – May 17, 2016

XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.