

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, May 27, 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, Deanna Sylte-Metronet

I. Call to order

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

II. Approval of agenda

Add CE Scholarship to 7. New Business.

Melinda Stefanski moved to approve the agenda as amended; Gina Light seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 3/18/14 meeting

Jenny McElroy moved to approve the 3/18/14 minutes as written; Melinda Stefanski seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of March and April 2014 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written from March and April.

Donna Nix moved to approve the March and April 2014 checks written; Gina Light seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statements – March and April 2014

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

MILI wrapped up the 2013-14 year last week with some really good final presentations. Districts on board for 2014-15 so far are Minneapolis and Eastern Carver County. Training in Minneapolis is scheduled for August 8.

B. 23 Mobile Things

The deadline for completion is June 15. We've had lots of badge requests and some people have already finished all 23 Things. We will be ordering the completion prizes soon and the multitype directors will make a decision about possibly extending the deadline and/or offering a round two.

C. Teen Literature Conference

This event was held on May 17th and had approximately 600 attendees which made all the organizers extremely happy. Everyone enjoyed the day and there were many good comments, especially from teen attendees. This year there were five or six bus scholarships from various districts and the hope is to get even more next year. The staff at Sibley High School were amazing and everyone is looking forward to an even bigger event in 2015.

D. Camp Read-A-Lot

Approximately 200 people have registered with a pretty even split between Day Camp and Virtual Camp. As a reminder, 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 Budget

The board reviewed the proposed budget (which is very similar to last year's).

Gina Light moved to approve the proposed FY15 budget; Melinda Stefanski seconded; approved unanimously.

B. FY15 Aid Application

The board reviewed the FY15 application (also similar to last year's).

Gina Light moved to approve the FY15 Aid Application; Melinda Stefanski seconded; approved unanimously.

C. Metronet Board Application

The board reviewed the application from Tom Shaughnessy. We are still looking for school and public representatives, as well as two citizen members.

Approved unanimously.

D. Personnel

i. Director Evaluation

The Personnel Committee has completed Ann's annual evaluation and will mail her a copy along with any recommendation regarding a salary increase, etc.

ii. Personnel Policies

Ann noted that the personnel policies need to be updated in some areas. She also cited the increasing cost of health insurance and asked the board for permission to explore other options through MNSure, which everyone agreed would be a good idea.

E. CE Scholarship

The board reviewed the application from Erin Schultz, Minnesota Historical Society, to attend the ALA Annual Conference.

Donna Nix moved to approve the scholarship application from Erin Schultz; Jenny McElroy 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

X. Thank you to departing board members

Jeff Eide, Gina Light and Melinda Stefanski were presented with appreciation gifts and thanked for their years of excellent service on the Metronet board.

XI. Next Meeting – July 15, 2014

XII. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.