

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, June 23, 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

I. Call to order

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

II. Approval of agenda

Legislative Update was added to #6 and Board comments/questions was added to #7

Paul Ryberg moved to approve the agenda as amended; Tom Shaughnessy seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 3/17/15 meeting

Maggie Snow moved to approve the 3/17/15 minutes as written; Jennifer Cannon seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of March, April & May 2015 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written from March, April and May.

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve the March, April and May 2015 checks written; Jean Doolittle seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statements – March, April & May 2015

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

Both Minneapolis and St. Paul are finished for 2014-15. Four students took and passed the class for credit through Hamline University. Minneapolis will be participating again in 2015-16 but St. Paul is not sure of their status yet, although they want to participate again. MILI is verified as Propay 123 in Minneapolis so participants can take the class for credit and possibly earn a lane change in salary.

B. 2015 Teen Lit Con

There were over 900 attendees this year, including some from Marshall, Moorhead and even Wisconsin and Iowa. Lisa Gearman commended the planning committee for putting on such a great event. The 2016 Teen Lit Con will be held on May 7 at Sibley High School.

C. Camp Read-A-Lot

This year's Camp will be held on August 6 at the Como Zoo Visitor's Center. There are approximately 220 registrations, with about 80 for Day Camp and the rest Virtual. Camp will be held on August 6 at Como Zoo.

D. Legislative Update

Ann gave an overview of the results of this year's legislative session. Highlights included:

- No increase for multitypes or regional public library systems
- Legacy passed with a slight reduction (\$2.2M for each of the next two years)
- Minnesota Electronic Health Library (MeHL) did not get funded
- The proposed RLBSS formula change caused some confusion

VII. New Business

A. FY16 Aid Application

The Board reviewed the aid application with the accompanying updated strategic plan and budget.

Jennifer Cannon moved to approve the FY16 Aid Application; Maggie Snow seconded; approved unanimously.

In early 2016 the board will discuss the possibility of a strategic planning session to review and update the current plan.

B. FY16 Budget

Paul Ryberg moved to approve the FY16 budget as presented; Donna Nix seconded; approved unanimously.

C. Director Evaluation

Staff were excused while the board reviewed the evaluation as completed by the Executive Committee. A board member will meet with Ann to discuss the evaluation at a later date.

D. Board Recruitment

David Byrne and Jennifer Cannon will be leaving the board as of 6/30/15. Board and staff thanked them for their service during their tenure.

The board reviewed the application from Tori Jensen. Many positive comments were made and everyone agreed she would be a good addition to the board.

Maggie Snow moved to accept the application from Tori Jensen to join the board; Lisa Gearman seconded; approved unanimously.

E. Continuing Education Scholarships

The board reviewed the scholarship applications from Dhaivyd Hilgendorf and Jen Legatt. There were concerns about a lack of description of the benefit to Metronet in Hilgendorf's application, and about covering membership dues in Legatt's application. After some discussion the board decided to ask the applicants to resubmit their forms with recommended changes of additional description from Hilgendorf and change to not cover membership dues from Legatt. The board will vote on the revised applications in early July.

Jennifer Cannon moved to delay the vote until the two applicants, Hilgendorf and Legatt, resubmit their applications with recommended changes; Tom Shaughnessy seconded; approved unanimously.

Because the Steltzner scholarship is only awarded once annually, Ann Walker Smalley suggested that the award amount should be raised from \$500 (the same as a standard scholarship) to \$1000.

Paul Ryberg moved to approve raising the Steltzner scholarship amount from \$500 to \$1000; Jennifer Cannon seconded; approved unanimously.

F. Board comments/questions

The board asked about the status of the new website. Ann responded that it is on the horizon, that we need a logo refresh, which will be done through CrowdSource. The current plan is to transition to a new site using WordPress.

VIII. Director's Report

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

IX. Other / Board Sharing

- Jenny McElroy is now the Secretary of the ALA Reference & User Services Division History section
- Jean Doolittle is the Vice President/President-Elect of ALA's Retired Members Round Table

X. Next Meeting – September 15, 2015

XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.