

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, June 21, 2016 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: Jean Doolittle, Lisa Gearman, Donna Nix, Paul Ryberg, Tom Shaughnessy, Maggie Snow
Staff: Olivia Moris, Ann Walker Smalley, Deanna Sylte

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:58 p.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Jean Doolittle moved to approve the agenda as written; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 3/15/16 meeting

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve the 3/15/16 minutes as written; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of March, April & May 2016 Bills

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

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve the March, April & May 2016 checks written; Jean Doolittle seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statements – May 2016

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

It was another successful year, although the turnout for the final day was disappointing. The final evaluation report from Saint Paul Public Schools has not been received as of yet. MILI will not be in St. Paul in 2016-17, but has been approved for ProPay in Minneapolis. Ann noted that Metronet is also willing to offer variations of the program as needed or requested.

B. Teen Lit Con

Teen Lit Con was a huge success again this year, with approximately 1100 attendees. The morning keynote was full to overflowing and many families attended. Thirteen bus scholarships were approved (Metronet managed the application process and MELSA provided the funding) although one bus did not show up (but parents and teachers carpooled in order to get students to the site) and one school had to cancel. Metronet managed volunteers and of 70 people only two didn't show up for their shift. There was a great article in the Pioneer Press. Teen Lit Con 2017 will be on May 6 at Sibley High School.

C. Strategic Planning

Metronet's current plan is mostly still applicable, but could use a refresh. Ann will create a survey to be sent out to members and other interested parties this summer and a draft of the revised report will be available in time to be approved at the November board meeting in order to meet the December submission deadline.

VII. New Business

A. FY17 Aid Application and Budget

The revised aid application is much shorter than in previous years thanks to the State Library's work on streamlining the form. The board reviewed the application and accompanying budget.

Lisa Gearman moved to approve the FY17 Aid Application and Budget; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.

B. FY17 Budget – Internal

This budget, unlike the one submitted to the State Library, includes budgeted spending of reserve funds.
Paul Ryberg moved to approve the FY17 Internal Budget; Lisa Gearman seconded; approved unanimously.

C. Director’s Performance Evaluation

This item was postponed to the September meeting.

D. CE Scholarship

The board reviewed Jen Perusse’s application for the 2016 TIES conference.

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve the scholarship application from Jen Perusse; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.

E. New Metronet Website

The board got to see the draft of the new Metronet website, which should go live on July 1. Everyone approved.

VIII. Director’s Report

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

IX. Other / Board Sharing

Paul Ryberg reported that the Maker Fair in May was “a hoot,” with many great displays and activities.

X. Next Meeting – September 20, 2016

The board agreed to skip the July meeting.

XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.