

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, July 22, 2014 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: David Byrne, Jennifer Cannon, Jeremiah Lynch, Jenny McElroy, Donna Nix, Tom Shaughnessy
Staff: Ann Walker Smalley-Metronet, Deanna Sylte-Metronet, Olivia Moris-Metronet

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:55 p.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Add Officer Elections to #7 New Business

Jeremiah Lynch moved to approve the agenda as amended; Jennifer Cannon seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 5/27/14 meeting

Donna Nix moved to approve the 5/27/14 minutes as written; Jennifer Cannon seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of May and June 2014 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written from May and June.

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve the May and June 2014 checks written; Donna Nix seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statements – May and June 2014

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

It was a good year for MILI. Ann will show a selection of final project videos after the meeting. In 2014-15 MILI will happen in Minneapolis and St. Paul districts. Ann noted that St. Paul was the pilot site for MILI, but after they began laying off their media staff we were unable to partner with them (a media specialist in the school/district is a requirement). Now that St. Paul is hiring new media staff we are happy to work with them again. The program will feature one day with licensed media specialists and one day with paraprofessionals/EAs. Minneapolis has had some staff changes so we are waiting to hear who the new contact will be, but they are actively recruiting participants.

B. 23 Mobile Things

The deadline for completion was extended to July 15 to give more people the chance to finish. So far it appears that about 20% have finished. There were many good comments and people asking if we would run the program again in the fall.

C. Teen Literature Conference

The 2014 Teen Lit Con was a huge success with over 600 attendees so a 2015 date – May 9 – is being planned and the event will be held at Henry Sibley High School again. Plans are underway to offer bus scholarships again and to increase publicity to gather even more attendees.

D. Camp Read-A-Lot

Over 200 have registered, 100+ for Day Camp on August 7. This year we'll be at a new location – Dakota Lodge in West St. Paul – so some logistical challenges are expected but we anticipate another great year.

VII. New Business

A. MILI Program Manager

The board welcomed Olivia Moris, the new MILI Program Manager. Olivia comes with a lot of great experience, including having worked at Globe University, Hamline University, and public libraries, in addition to having been a MILI intern when the program first began.

B. FY15 Board applications

Jeremiah Lynch informed the board that due to school commitments he will need to resign from the board, thus opening an additional citizen representative position.

Five applications have been received for the four open positions (school, public, and two citizen):

- Lisa Gearman – school
- Maggie Snow – public
- Diane Wallace-Reid – citizen
- Jean Doolittle – citizen
- Paul Ryberg – citizen

After discussing each applicant the following motions were made and approved:

Donna Nix moved to approve Lisa Gearman and Maggie Snow for the school and public library representative positions; Jennifer Cannon seconded; approved unanimously.

Jenny McElroy moved to approve Paul Ryberg for one of the citizen representative positions; Jennifer Cannon seconded; approved unanimously.

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve Jean Doolittle for one of the citizen representative positions; Jeremiah Lynch seconded; approved unanimously.

C. Personnel Policies

Ann noted that staff is still working on updating the personnel policy and hope to have something ready by the September or November meeting.

D. Officer Elections

After discussion the following motions were made and approved regarding FY15 officers:

Tom Shaughnessy nominated Donna Nix as Vice-Chair and Jennifer Cannon as Treasurer; David Byrne seconded; approved unanimously.

Donna Nix nominated Jenny McElroy as Chair; Tom Shaughnessy 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

Jeremiah Lynch shared that he had just returned from a visit to Nicaragua to visit medical facilities as part of his educational pursuits. Jenny McElroy noted that she attended ALA and would be serving on a committee in the coming year. Donna Nix stated that St. Thomas is hiring two new catalogers. Tom Shaughnessy suggested discussing offering a "mini MILI" for the state association for home schoolers.

X. Next Meeting – September 16, 2014

XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.