

## **Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, November 18, 2014 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320**

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

### **I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

### **II. Approval of agenda**

*Donna Nix moved to approve the agenda; Tom Shaughnessy seconded; approved unanimously.*

### **III. Minutes of 9/16/14 meeting**

*Paul Ryberg moved to approve the 9/16/14 minutes as written; Tom Shaughnessy seconded; approved unanimously.*

### **IV. Approval of September and October 2014 Bills**

The Board reviewed the checks written from September and October.

*Jennifer Cannon moved to approve the September and October 2014 checks written; Donna Nix seconded; approved unanimously.*

### **V. Financial Statements – September and October 2014**

Informational only.

### **VI. Old Business/Updates**

#### **A. MILI**

MILI is moving right along with two meetings per month in St. Paul and two in Minneapolis. St. Paul is continuing their 1:1 iPad rollout. Both districts are already talking about 2015-16, in which case St. Paul sessions would include teachers (this year is only for media specialists and library paraprofessionals).

#### **B. Libraries and Service Delivery Consultant Group**

The group met on 11/17 to review recommendations that have been made, including: a closer look at the structure of libraries/systems, funding, the need for school librarians (especially for collaboration with public libraries – difficult to do if no contact person, i.e. LMS, is available). The group is hoping that recommendations may pressure MDE to support Library Media Specialists. The December meeting will be focused on reviewing an early draft of the final report.

### **VII. New Business**

#### **A. Continuing Education Scholarships**

The board received and reviewed four scholarship applications:

Kathy Sabota, Saint Paul Public Schools - \$500 to attend the 2014 TIES Conference

*Jennifer Cannon moved to approve; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.*

Andrea Ferguson, Saint Paul Public Schools - \$400 to attend the 2014 TIES Conference

*Paul Ryberg moved to approve; David Byrne seconded; approved unanimously.*

Tori Jensen, Saint Paul Public Schools - \$500 to attend the 2014 ALAN Workshop

*Paul Ryberg moved to approve; Tom Shaughnessy seconded; approved unanimously.*

Sarah Bober, Saint Paul Public Schools - \$500 to attend two BER literature workshops, Nov 2014 and April 2015

*Jenny McElroy moved to approve \$253 to attend the April 2015 workshop because the applicant did not apply in time for the November one; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.*

Due to the number of scholarship applications being received so early in the fiscal year, Paul Ryberg suggested authorizing an additional \$5000 from the reserves to offer additional scholarships. Ann Walker Smalley mentioned that Metronet has offered scholarships specifically for Library Legislative Day to cover the cost of substitutes for libraries (particularly school librarians) to be able to attend. Applications for Legislative Day would be included in the additional \$5000.

*Paul Ryberg moved to authorize \$5000 in reserve funds to offer additional scholarships in FY15; David Byrne seconded; approved unanimously.*

#### **B. Website/Logo Update**

Ann noted that the Metronet logo and website are approximately eight years old now so it's time for a refresh. The plan is to use CrowdSpring to get a new logo and a template for the new website (most likely on WordPress). The goal is to have a new site up and running by spring.

#### **C. Library Legislative Day**

No date has been set yet, and the event may have a different format this year due to the construction happening at the Capitol, which would interfere with access and being able to meet with legislators. This item will be revisited at the next meeting when there are more details.

#### **VIII. Director's Report**

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

#### **IX. Other / Board Sharing**

Jenny McElroy noted that she has been named an alternate on ALA's Emerging Leaders group. If someone cannot attend for any reason, she will be a full member of the group. She is also running for Secretary of the RUSA executive committee.

Paul Ryberg asked about the possibility of getting Stillwater Schools involved with MILI. He will consult with his contact there and discuss it with Ann. He also noted that Lake Elmo Public Library will be offering videos of Tai Chi classes and would appreciate any help in publicizing those when they are available.

#### **X. Next Meeting – January 20, 2015**

**XI. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.