

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, November 15, 2016 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: Jean Doolittle, Lisa Gearman, Jenny McElroy, Donna Nix, Tom Shaughnessy, Diane Wallace-Reid
Staff: Olivia Moris, Ann Walker Smalley, Deanna Sylte

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Add 7c. Need new public library representative
Revised agenda approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 9/20/16 meeting

Diane Wallace-Reid moved to approve the 9/20/16 minutes as written; Donna Nix seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of September and October 2016 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written.

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve the September and October 2016 checks written; Lisa Gearman seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statement –October 2016

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

Working with a small - but committed - group in Minneapolis this year. Metronet also received an inquiry from The Friends School, where the librarian is a graduate of MILI. The hope is to start working with them this year with a modified program and begin next year as usual.

The one-page summary of the MILI program that was requested was provided with the meeting materials. Tom Shaughnessy asked about the possibility of a video promoting MILI, which will be considered.

VII. New Business

A. Strategic Plan

The survey seeking input on the strategic plan provided some good feedback, but not enough. Ann discussed the situation with Emily Kissane at the State Library, who agreed that postponing a full re-write of the plan until additional input could be gathered would be acceptable. Ann updated the current plan and will work on a new five-year plan that will be submitted with the FY18 application.

Some highlights include an additional focus on the academic-school connection in student readiness, more meet-up-style events, a possible shadow program to let school library media specialists and academic librarians see what each other's work is like, what questions students ask, etc.

Jean Doolittle moved to approve the updated Strategic Plan; Diane Wallace-Reid seconded; approved unanimously.

B. Upcoming Events

December 14 – Wind Down on the library at Downton Abbey

January 17 – Wind Down at Quatrefoil Library

C. Public Library Representative

Maggie Snow has to resign from the Metronet Board due to a scheduling conflict in her duties as director of the Anoka County Library. Ann will advertise in MetroBriefs, talk to Ken Behringer at MELSA, etc.

VIII. Director's Report

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

IX. Other / Board Sharing

- Jenny is running for chair-elect of the ALA Reference & User Services Association – History Section committee.

X. Next Meeting – January 17, 2017 (possibly will change due to conflict with Wind Down)

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