

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, March 21, 2017 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: Jean Doolittle, Lisa Gearman, Tori Jensen, Donna Nix, Paul Ryberg, Tom Shaughnessy, Diane Wallace-Reid
Staff: Olivia Moris, Ann Walker Smalley, Deanna Sylte

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve the agenda as written; Diane Wallace-Reid seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 1/17/17 meeting

Jean Doolittle moved to approve the 1/17/17 minutes as written; Tori Jensen seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of January and February 2017 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written. Deanna noted that the checks to MLA and Allegra are pass-through items from the multitype fund which Metronet now administers.

Jean Doolittle moved to approve the January and February 2017 checks written; Lisa Gearman seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statement – February 2017

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

Minneapolis group is going strong. In talks for 2017-18 with Minneapolis and Elk River. If talks with Elk River progress, Metronet will meet with the CMLE director since part of the Elk River district falls within the CMLE borders. There is a minimum requirement of 15 participants and a media specialist.

B. Board Members Needed

We still need a special library representative. We have received applications for the public and academic vacancies. The board agreed to wait to vote for the academic rep until the May meeting in case more people apply, but chose to vote for the public rep immediately. Ann will call the academic applicants to get a feel for their fit. The question was raised about allowing a representative from a for-profit college; the board agreed that was acceptable.

Paul Ryberg moved to approve Jennifer Reichert Simpson as the new public library representative; Tori Jensen seconded; approved unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Upcoming Events

Teen Lit Con will be held on May 6 at Sibley HS. There are 14 breakout sessions (two sets of seven), numerous activities, and many authors.

B. Grant

Metronet received a grant of \$2,357.26 through the Minnesota Philanthropy Partnership. All that was required was completion of a simple form – no follow up report is needed. The funds will go toward programming.

C. Steltzner Scholarship

The board reviewed and approved the application from Antonio Backman.

Paul Ryberg moved to approve the Steltzner scholarship application from Antonio Backman for \$1000; Tori Jensen seconded; approved unanimously.

D. New Citizen Member

Due to the fact that the position has been vacant for an extended time, the board (and Tori Jensen) agreed to have her first term be extended so that it ends on June 30, 2019.

Paul Ryberg moved to adjust the term for Tori Jensen, citizen representative, to begin immediately and end on June 30, 2019; Jean Doolittle seconded; approved unanimously.

VIII. Director's Report

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

IX. Other / Board Sharing

- Ann noted that she is hoping to re-start the Twin Cities Library Club, possibly even re-branding Wind Downs with the new/old name.

X. Next Meeting – Ma7 16, 2017

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