

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, May 16, 2017 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: Jean Doolittle, Lisa Gearman, Tori Jensen, Jenny McElroy, Donna Nix, Jennifer Reichert Simpson, Paul Ryberg, Tom Shaughnessy

Staff: Olivia Moris, Ann Walker Smalley, Deanna Sylte

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Ann Walker Smalley asked to add discussion of a letter of support for the Perpich library under New Business. *Paul Ryberg moved to approve the agenda as amended; Tom Shaughnessy seconded; approved unanimously.*

III. Minutes of 3/21/17 meeting

Donna Nix moved to approve the 3/21/17 minutes as written; Tori Jensen seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of March and April 2017 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written.

Paul Ryberg moved to approve the March and April 2017 checks written; Jean Doolittle seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statement – April 2017

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

May 24 is the final meeting for the 2016-17 year. The group this year was small, but enthusiastic. There is interest from Traverse des Sioux about starting a similar program in their region, as well as an inquiry to Metronet from Elk River and a charter school (which is not eligible because they do not have a media specialist). In 2017-18 we will work with Minneapolis Schools again, meeting at South High School. There are also talks about working with student teachers.

B. Teen Lit Con

This event is sponsored by MELSA and supported by various partners, including Metronet. Well over 1000 students and parents attended this year. Everyone is hoping for funding again in 2018, although the event may need to find a new venue.

VII. New Business

A. Board Members

The Board reviewed applications and selected both special and academic representatives.

Paul Ryberg moved to approve Anne Rojas as the new academic representative; Tori Jensen seconded; approved unanimously.

Paul Ryberg moved to approve Kari Koehler as the new special representative; Jean Doolittle seconded; approved unanimously.

B. Scholarship Applications

Two applications were received from school members, Dawn Nelson and Paula Hansen, both for attendance at the 2017 ISTE conference.

The Board voted unanimously to approve both applications.

C. FY18 Aid Application and Budget

Ann noted that the application is very similar to last year's, and that the budget amount is the same as last year. *Donna Nix moved to approve the FY18 Aid Application and proposed budget; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.*

D. Director Evaluation

Staff were excused while the board discussed Ann Walker Smalley's evaluation. Jenny McElroy will meet with Ann at a later date and will notify Deanna of any pay raise to be applied.

E. Perpich Letter

There is discussion in the Legislature about closing the Perpich Center for Arts Education and the library community is concerned about what would happen to the unique library collection. There is a proposal to move the collection to the Department of Education, but since they have no library there would likely be little or no access to the materials. Ann asked for the board's approval for sending a letter of support for keeping the Perpich collection available.

Paul Ryberg moved to approve sending the letter of support as noted; Lisa Gearman seconded; approved unanimously.

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 is officially the incoming chair of the RUSA History Roundtable at ALA.

X. Thank Yous

Jenny McElroy and Donna Nix have completed their allowed three terms. Metronet presented the gifts and expressed thanks for their service.

XI. Next Meeting – July

The board agreed to skip the July meeting.

XII. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.