

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, June 12, 2018 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: Jean Doolittle, Lisa Gearman, Tori Jensen, Jennifer Reichert Simpson, Anne Rojas, Paul Ryberg, Tom Shaughnessy

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

Paul Ryberg moved to approve the agenda as presented; Anne Rojas seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 3/20/18 meeting

Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve the minutes as written; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of March, April & May 2018 Bills

Staff clarified that the large check payable to MLA was a pass-through of multitype funds for advocacy; the smaller check to MELSA was a pass-through of tshirt sales at Teen Lit Con.

Lisa Gearman moved to approve the March, April and May 2018 checks written; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statement – May 2018

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. Teen Lit Con

Another big success with approximately 100 volunteers recruited and placed. Olivia noted that we had some academic library volunteers this year, which is new. Next year's TLC will be on April 27 at Edina High School.

B. MILI

The three-session "micro MILI" with ELL teachers at South High School in Minneapolis is finished. In 2018-19 MILI will be in Minneapolis Public Schools (as an approved ProPay course, which should encourage participation) and Elk River (a shared district with CMLE, which has been invited to participate as well). The two-day jointin training can be attended in either Minneapolis or Elk River, which gives people more options. Some version of MILI may happen in District 112 as well.

VII. New Business

A. FY19 Aid Application, Budget & Strategic Planning

The application process has been streamlined by MDE so it is quite similar from year to year. There has been no budget increase in 9-10 years. The multitypes as a group plan to go through a strategic planning process as a group to better coordinate services statewide. The process will be discussed more at their July meeting.

Tom Shaughnessy noted that in the definitions provided with the aid application there is no mention of staff with regards to school libraries, while other types do mention that a library includes staffing. There was a discussion about teaching non-media-licensed teachers how to run media centers, but it was pointed out that this would undermine the profession and the specialized education licensed media specialists obtain. Metronet (through the MLA/ITEM Legislative Committee and platform) plans to support HF3117, which would establish "a grant program to increase student access to licensed library media specialists."

Anne Rojas moved to approve the FY19 Aid Application and Budget; Jean Doolittle seconded; approved unanimously.

B. CE Application

The board reviewed the scholarship application from Sara Zettervall. After discussion it was decided that the application appeared to be from the applicant's consulting business, which is not eligible to be a Metronet member. *Tom Shaughnessy moved to deny the scholarship application from Sara Zettervall; Tori Jensen seconded; approved unanimously.*

C. Director Evaluation

Staff were excused while the board discussed Ann Walker Smalley's annual evaluation. Jennifer Reichert Simpson will meet with Ann to discuss the results.

D. Meeting Schedule for FY19

Ann Walker Smalley suggested moving the May meeting to June on a permanent basis since it seems to be rescheduled regularly due to events such as Teen Lit Con and/or delayed information about budgets and the aid application. The July meeting would be cancelled, and the board would meet in September as usual. *Jean Doolittle moved to change the May meeting date to June and cancel the July meeting on a permanent basis; Anne Rojas seconded; approved unanimously.*

VIII. Director's Report

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

IX. Other / Board Sharing

Everyone expressed thanks and best wishes to Lisa Gearman, who is leaving the board, having completed her second term. The call has been put out for a new school representative.

X. Next Meeting – September 18, 2018

XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Anne Rojas moved to adjourn; Paul Ryber seconded; approved unanimously.