

## **Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday January 15, 2019 · 3:00pm · Suite 317**

Present: Tom Shaughnessy, Diane Wallace-Reid, Paul Ryberg, Belle Nelson, Tori Jensen, Jennifer Reichert Simpson, Lindsey Dyer, Jean Doolittle, Anne Rojas  
Staff: Ann Walker Smalley

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 by Paul Ryberg.

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

*Paul moved to accept and Diane seconded.* Ann asked to adjust to add scholarship discussion to Legislative Day. Change and agenda were unanimously approved

### **III. Minutes of 11/13/18 Meeting**

Open to comments by Paul – Tom asked that the word *slander* be struck from the minutes as too serious a term. Will use the word *opposition* instead for the official file.

*Tom Shaughnessy moved to approve with change, Anne Rojas seconded, unanimously approved.*

### **IV. Approval of November & December 2018 bills**

Direct deposit – now paying for service

Ramsey County – for staff health insurance – clarification for Tom

*Move to accept by Anne Rojas, Belle Nelson seconded, unanimously approved.*

### **V. December Financial Statement**

Question about Professional Development expense – Ann clarified it is for subscriptions.

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

#### A. Legislative update

- a. There has been discussion among all the regions about how to address the perceived overlap of services between the multitypes & regional public library systems because ‘public libraries’ are listed as members. The current suggestion is to re-focus the work of the multitypes on schools and remove the ‘public library’ language from the statute. Not everyone is in agreement, but the majority of the multitypes do agree on this approach. There would be no issues if public libraries wanted to be members—and certainly any trainings, etc would be offered to public library staff—but the hope is to clarify that the services are different between system types.
- b. The feelings about the new administration are positive. The new MDE Commissioner was supportive of school libraries when she was with SPPS.

#### B. Joint strategic planning

At least six of the seven multi-types. Proposed RFP available for viewing – link to Google doc will be distributed.

### **VII. New Business**

#### A. Census Wind Down

How libraries can interact with the 2020 Census – mostly about outreach to underrepresented communities – looking for public, academic and possibly school libraries participating. (aside - 121a15 immunization schedule)

#### B. Library Professional Development Network –LPDN

Ad hoc group from Minitex – an attempt to coordinate (communicate) what professional development is available and identify gaps. St. Kates, MCTC, MLA, CLIC, ITEM, Multitype, PALS all participate. In working groups to identify and integrate MNLibs. Centralize.

#### C. Legislative Day

February 26<sup>th</sup> – briefing night before. Hoping there will be a reception with all legislators afternoon before. POSSIBLY Creating read posters with legislators. Late in the afternoon of 26<sup>th</sup> gathering happy hour to discuss the day. Save the date. Registration coming soon. ELM Expo – looking for a Saturday date for the event. Scholarships for Legislative Day to fund subs will not count against other scholarship applications/awards. Set aside not more than \$1,500. Also would not be in 2-year pool.

*Jean Doolittle moved to set aside sub pool; Tori Jensen seconded; unanimously passed.*

#### D. OLLI Class

Seven weeks March – May - on schedule – Galaxy in Apple Valley? - Community input and how to make things happen. South High, History Center ... more to come.

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

Distributed and reviewed.

#### **IX. Other/ Board members information sharing**

East Side Freedom Library started about 6 years ago by a Mac prof and his partner at the old Arlington Hills Carnegie Library focus on multicultural material – promotion of ELM through church group/library.

#### **X. Next meeting – March 19, 2019**

#### **XI. Adjourn**

4:02