



## Metronet Governing Board Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2019 DRAFT

\*Note for next meeting, AWS will print the meeting packet for everyone.

Belle called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

-introductions

New member Kari Koehler, from Robbins Kaplan, our Special Library Rep, she is also a substitute in HCL.

Motion to approve agenda - Tom, Tori second - Approved

Motion to approve minutes - Jean, Jen second - Approved

Review bills, suggestion to include credit card statements, since we pay most bills through that each time. Tom suggested, rather than produce the actual statement, thus creating more paper, can we do a list of CC purchases to be included in the bills. AWS agreed - motion to approve September and October bills - Paul, Tori second - Approved

Paul asked if there was any advantage to switching the board to electronic transfer, rather than check, but we don't pay to issue checks. And we still have some checks produced regardless, so it was agreed there is no reason to change.

Old business - MILI update - Tom asked about databases and how they are promoted and if public libraries are using them as often. There was a discussion surrounding this. ELM Expo, will be held on December 7 at Coon Rapids HS. Ann mentioned how they are not charging us and our thanks to them for allowing this free event.

Pinkham Security Plan - they sent a letter explaining how they keep their information secure and what the plan includes. AWS has the letter if anyone wants to see it.

AWS talked about the MCMT joint strategic plan. They met yesterday to talk about ideas to move forward. Three areas of focus are: advocacy, continuing education/training, and communications/awareness. She talked about the survey results, mentioned MILI was often called out as a solid program. And how they see this moving forward. Belle asked about this expense, is it one time? AWS confirmed it is only a one time payment, Metronet agreed to pay up to \$3,000 for this service, and the final bill was just under \$14,000, divided by the seven. So Metronet's part will not be even the full \$3,000.

Talk about MetroBriefs and the Macmillan ebook fiasco, a brief discussion and how it impacts various board members.

Tom asked about requests for funding. AWS says each MCMT submits its own application for aid and the money is distributed via a formula. Tom was curious if the applications for aid will start to focus on the three areas that grew from the joint strategic plan. AWS said they will likely continue to answer the same questions on what we do, but the answers will likely be tailored to reflect these new focus areas. At least that's the hope.

Mention of jobs panel wind down, which was a huge success. Upcoming in that series are resume/cover letter review (up next) - Belle Nelson volunteered. Olivia suggested they may hold it in that area. Belle suggested St. Louis Park library. Also Skype interviews and presentation skills.

Director's report, mostly covered through the meeting.

Olivia just got back from AASL in Louisville and spoke a bit about it to the board. Belle then asked about the Minitex candidates and why there were so many? AWS reported that the first three candidates were asked to stay at their current positions and there are two new candidates now.

Belle called for information sharing. Jen RS mentioned the exhibit at Galaxie Library about Tribal rights and local tribal nations. Tom shared about his time at Rutgers and an artist at the time, Ben Shahn, who worked as an artist for WPA, and Tom has a huge collection of his art and has asked dozens of libraries and cannot find a place for it. Finally he contacted his alma mater and they agreed to take the entire collection and pay for the shipping. They also wanted to name it the Tom Shaugnessy Ben Shaun Collection but Tom refused, he asked them to call it the Rutgers Ben Shaun Art Collection. Paul then told a story about a medical issue and he went to the library because Google couldn't help and he got a book from the librarian that spoke directly to his question and told him the medication might kill him. Paul contends he is alive today because he spoke to a librarian.

Next meeting is January 21, 2020

Belle adjourned the meeting at 4:13pm.