

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

Present: Jean Doolittle, Lindsey Dyer, Jennifer Reichert Simpson, Anne Rojas, Paul Ryberg, 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

Paul Ryberg moved to approve the agenda as written; Jean Doolittle seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 9/19/17 meeting

Approved by concensus.

IV. Approval of September & October 2017 Bills

The Board reviewed the checks written.

Diane Wallace-Reid moved to approve the September & October 2017 checks written; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statement – October 2017

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. MILI

There were difficulties this year getting districts on board in time, but hoping for 2018-19 with Minneapolis and Elk River. Ann and Olivia are meeting with others on the possibility of one-time special classes. They are also looking at possibilities for online classes/lessons, maybe as part of small training modules with the other multitypes. They are also planning to conduct trainings on various devices (iPads, Chromebooks, etc).

The possibility of an advisory council to determine the current need in schools is also being considered. When MILI began it was essentially the only game in town, but more schools have integrated the content and other educational opportunities have arisen, so a revamp is necessary if MILI is to continue.

A board member asked about History Day @ Your Library, and Ann replied that the attendance dropped off each year until the sponsoring organizations decided to discontinue the program. The same thing happened with Camp Read-A-Lot.

B. ELM Expo

Olivia visited Edina High School as a possible location for the next ELM Expo. It's a great space, so we are waiting to find out about the cost. Ann and Olivia are working with Minitex on content. The U of M was also suggested as a location, but parking is too scarce and costly to make it viable.

VII. New Business

A. Scholarship Revisions

Ann has suggested removing tuition reimbursement as an option since there could be a deluge of applications from library school students. A statement affirming compliance with employer policies regarding outside funding for events was also added. The board proposed the additional statement, "Priority is given to applicants who are employed by a Metronet member library," to allow for unemployed people to apply.

Anne Rojas moved to approve the scholarship policy revisions as presented and with the additional statement as noted; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.

B. Upcoming Events

November 28: Speed Dating – meetings between school and academic librarians

December 13: Book awards panel

A job-hunting event is also in the works. SLA had planned a similar event but it was cancelled due to lack of attendance. They are interested in co-sponsoring the event with Metronet. The event would be repeated at different locations around the metro. Lindsey Dyer noted that at an event she attended there was a professional photographer providing updated headshots.

A repeat of the Twins Archive wind down is also being planned for this spring.

VIII. Director's Report

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

IX. Other / Board Sharing

Lindsey Dyer noted that they have restructured the Hill Center's library, making assistance available by appointment only, which frees up staff time for other endeavors.

X. Next Meeting – January 16, 2018

XI. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Lindsey Dyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 p.m.; Paul Ryberg seconded; approved unanimously.