

Metronet Governing Board Meeting • Tuesday, March 19, 2019 • 3:00pm • Suite 317

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

I. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 by Paul Ryberg

II. Approval of agenda

Tom moved to accept and Jean seconded, unanimously approved.

III. Minutes of 1/15/19 Meeting

Open to comments by Paul Ryberg, Diane moved to approve Jean seconded, unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of January and February 2019 bills

Move to accept by Anne, Tom seconded, unanimously approved.

V. Financial Statement February

Informational only.

VI. Old Business / Updates

A. Advocacy/Legislative Day Update – in spite of closed roads and weather issues, it was well attended. Paul Ryberg was there all day Tuesday. Monday night dinner, happy hour Tuesday ... All pieces fit together well. Hearing on Tuesday that people were able to attend. A week later Ann testified on value of media specialists as part of the bills discussed Tuesday. READ posters were very popular; have been spotted on social media since. Worth doing again.

Discussion about getting ARLD/Academic librarians involved. ITEM participation growing too ... possible opportunity to dovetail ITEM with Legislative Day. Legwork committee has paid off. This was Ann's last year as Chair. Incoming is Jami Trenam. There is a Zazzle store with swag.

B. Joint Strategic Planning Process – link to RFP sent. Still where we were last time.

VII. New Business

A. ELM Expo – Saturday – Canceled due to low registration. 20 people, Minitex wanted 40 so it wasn't viable. Date in the autumn may be better.

B. Teen Lit Con 2019 – in full swing. 15 requests for bus scholarships. Metronet in charge of other buses too, partly to ensure contact numbers are available so that everyone gets home. Great author lineup – both local and national. Metronet is also recruiting ambassadors. Posters distributed through Metronet. Most recent Metrobriefs called for books for buttons and response has been good already. Book bingo super popular. April 27 @ Sibley HS.

C. OLLI Spring Term/Summer Term information in packet

VIII. Director's Report

Distributed and reviewed. Also noted that Hennepin County Library had bill passed that MLIS is no longer required for Director position. Bill will go to legislature next.

IX. Other/ Board members information sharing

Jean corresponded with legislator about gun control issue and put in a plug for libraries. He's part of the New Republican Caucus. Anne going to LOEX, also talked about The Public showing at Mpls Central Downtown. Ann is going to organize something when it opens. Also READ posters were sent to MN Legislative Library to put up.

X. Next meeting

June 18, 2019

XI. Adjourn

4:12pm