

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, July 15, 2008 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: Jeff Eide, Tim Johnson, Elizabeth Kauth, Gina Light, Chris Madsen, Mary McGreevy, Alison Schaub, Melinda Stefanski, Ann Walker Smalley-Metronet, Deanna Sylte-Metronet, Karen Eidem-Metronet

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Chris Madsen moved to approve the agenda as written; Gina Light seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 6/17/08 meeting

Tim Johnson moved to approve the 6/17/08 minutes as written; Gina Light seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of June 2008 Bills

Tim Johnson moved to approve the June 2008 bills; Elizabeth Kauth seconded; approved unanimously.

V. June 2008 Financial Statements

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. Metronet Information Literacy Initiative (MILI)

Ann Walker Smalley gave an overview of MILI for the new board members. Participating districts in 2008-09 will be Minneapolis and Chaska, while Saint Paul Public Schools received a grant to continue the project on their own. This year will include approximately 54 teachers and media specialists, with two cohorts in each district. The initial training will take place in August, with after school meetings beginning in September. Karen Eidem, Program Manager, has created a wiki to make information available to participants and others who may be interested. Ann noted that this project is doing a great job in bridging the gap between media specialists and teachers.

B. 23 Things On a Stick

Over 1100 people registered and about 1/3 finished. Approximately 400 people have registered for the “second chance” which will run from mid-May through mid-September, and we’re hoping one-third to one-half will complete the project in this round. Ann encouraged the board to read some of the blogs, noting that people seem thrilled with the project and that it has had a major effect on some participants, including changing job descriptions to include new skills! In 2009, “More Things On a Stick” will feature more new Things. The multitypes will also present at the MEMO and MLA annual conferences in October and November respectively.

C. Camp Read-A-Lot

Camp Read-A-Lot is a joint venture between Metronet and MELSA, geared toward Library Media Specialists and Grade 2-5 Teachers. Participants will read 5 core and 5 elective books and then will post their reviews on the Camp wiki. August 14 will be a mandatory workshop day with group sessions, a speaker from the University of Minnesota, and author Marion Dane Bauer. The project generated a lot of interest – space capacity allowed for 100 participants and there were nearly 50 on the waiting list before we closed the registration. If all goes well, perhaps we can make this an annual event.

D. Information Literacy Conference

The 2008 conference was held Friday, June 20, at the Continuing Education Conference Center at the U of M. Keynote speakers Kent Pekel, Joan Lippincott, and Larry Hardesty, breakout sessions by CLIC library staff and poster sessions were well received.

VII. New Business

A. Young Librarians Group

Metronet is creating this group as a networking opportunity for younger librarians. Jennifer Hootman, a reference librarian at Minitex, is working with Metronet on the planning and will be the liaison with the group. A planning meeting is scheduled for September 10th at the Louisiana Café.

B. WebJunction Minnesota

WebJunction is a portal for library information, and we're hoping that WJMN will become a "one-stop shop" for library information for Minnesota libraries. State Library Services, Minitex and Metronet jointly sponsor the project, with Metronet/Ann Walker Smalley acting as the Team Lead for the two-year subscription beginning in July 08. WebJunction has been working on redesigning the platform, which will debut on August 3. We're hoping that the new platform will be more user-friendly, both for members and administrators. The team will be presenting at the MEMO and MLA conferences to debut the new and improved site.

C. Election of Officers

By unanimous agreement, the following board members were elected as officers:

Tim Johnson – Chair; Jeff Eide – Vice-Chair; Alison Schaub – Secretary/Treasurer

D. Meeting dates for 2008-09

Tuesdays: September 16; November 18; January 20; March 17; May 19 - all from 3:00-5:00 pm. *Chris Madsen moved to approve the meeting dates as noted; Jeff Eide seconded; approved unanimously.*

VIII. Director's Report

- Metronet and MELSA are planning to co-sponsor an event in November for History Day focused on teachers. Plans call for a conference format with exhibits, presentations, etc.
- Ann Walker Smalley attended ALA in June and noted that it was a great opportunity to make connections with WebJunction staff who were present
- Presentations are planned for the MEMO and MLA conferences about 23 Things On a Stick
- The FY09 operating grant application was received and approved by the State Library
- Ann will be attending the Library Legislative Forum on July 16

IX. Other

MEMO – October 2-4 – Doubletree in Plymouth; MLA – Nov. 19-21 – Sheraton in Bloomington

Note: While library representatives to the Metronet board cannot receive the per diem, they are eligible to submit for mileage reimbursement if they choose.

X. Board Sharing

None

XI. Next Meeting

September 16, 2008.

XII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.