

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, September 16, 2008 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 317

Present: Jeff Eide, Tim Johnson, Elizabeth Kauth, Gina Light, Chris Madsen, Brigid Shields, Melinda Stefanski, Ann Walker Smalley-Metronet, Deanna Sylte-Metronet

I. Call to order

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

II. Approval of agenda

Gina Light asked to add a discussion of the Destiny Consortium under "Other."

Chris Madsen moved to approve the agenda as amended; Brigid Shields seconded; approved unanimously.

III. Minutes of 7/15/08 meeting

Gina Light moved to approve the 7/15/08 minutes as written; Melinda Stefanski seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of July & August 2008 Bills

Chris Madsen moved to approve the July & August 2008 bills; Jeff Eide seconded; approved unanimously.

V. July & August 2008 Financial Statements

Informational only. Deanna Sylte noted that the FY08 audit fieldwork has been completed and no problems were indicated. Marc Colin will present the audit at the November meeting.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. Metronet Information Literacy Initiative (MILI)

The two-day trainings were held in August, and monthly meetings began in September. Between Chaska and Minneapolis there are over 50 participants this year. Other districts, including the Academy of Holy Angels (private) have also inquired about participating. The panel presentation by 2007-08 participants at the Information Literacy conference in June promoted a lot of interest. Ann Walker Smalley noted that we need to connect more with superintendents, curriculum directors, etc.

B. 23 Things On a Stick – Second Chance

The second round ended 9/15/08 with 119 finishers out of 400+ who registered. The multitypes will begin talking about "More Things On a Stick" to begin in January 2009. They will also be presenting at the MEMO and MLA conferences, as well as hosting the Internet Café at MEMO and Party On a Stick at MLA. The blogsite will be left online and available for anyone else who would like to complete the project even though the official rounds are over.

C. Camp Read-A-Lot

The final event was held on August 14 at the Lakeside Pavilion at Como Park. 67 participants completed the whole program and there was a great response. Metronet and MELSA are planning to hold the event again in 2009, possibly adding a secondary level track for upper grades.

VII. New Business

A. Early Career Librarians Group

Approximately 12 people attended the September 10th planning meeting with all types of libraries being represented. People are very excited about this group and want to continue to socialize and develop the group to include specific programming.

B. WebJunction Minnesota

The new platform launched in August and included a great deal more Web 2.0 and social networking functionality. The content management system is much faster and easier to use, as well. Metronet/Ann Walker Smalley is now the manager of the project. Things are moving forward slowly but steadily, with WJ staff working out the bugs of the new system. Ann noted that there is great potential for WJMN as a one-stop site for Minnesota library content. Other benefits include free (paid for by the sponsoring organizations) courses, the ability to create online groups (such as the Destiny Consortium and Early Career Librarians). In the next few months we will be soliciting content to flesh out the site.

C. History Day Event

History Day @ your library will be held on Wednesday, November 12, at the Minnesota History Center. We're hoping for 80-100 attendees, with sessions on primary resources, the Research Project Calculator, and more. The 2008 History Day theme is "The Individual in History." The event is sponsored by Metronet, MELSA and History Day.

D. Lars Steltzner Scholarship

Lars Steltzner was a great supporter of libraries of all types, in addition to being a strong member of Metronet's Governing Board for many years. After some discussion, the board agreed to the following specifics of the scholarship: Up to \$500; one-time award only (winners cannot re-apply); applicant must be in the first five years of their library career; the event must be for professional development/career advancement; the scholarship will be overseen by the Governing Board. In addition, there will be a plaque in the Metronet office listing each year's winner. The scholarship will be available beginning in FY09.

Chris Madsen moved to approve the creation of the Lars Steltzner Scholarship as specified above; Jeff Eide seconded; approved unanimously.

Ann noted that she will send a letter to the Steltzner family to let them know about the scholarship.

VIII. Director's Report

Ann handed out a report with an overview of the items already covered in this meeting, along with a list of meetings attended and presentations given.

IX. Other

Gina Light asked if there was any possibility that Metronet could sponsor a group purchase of Destiny cataloging through Follett in order to keep costs down, as individual schools/districts ordering the service is more expensive than a large group doing so. Ann explained that Northern Lights Library Network, which has begun working with the multitype in the Central region (CMLE), is exploring the possibility of expanding their consortium to go statewide. So Metronet is not opposed to exploring starting our own group, but it may be more beneficial to wait and possibly join the larger existing group. She will follow up with NLLN for more information and will report back. The next question was where to bring up this issue if the existing consortium cannot expand statewide, to which Ann responded that they should take the issue to the State Library.

X. Board Sharing

Elizabeth Kauth is now a reading teacher and Crossroads School; Chris Madsen is no longer with the League of Women Voters.

XI. Next Meeting - November 18, 2008.

XII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.