

## **Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, September 15, 2009 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320**

Present: Cynthia Breslauer, Jeff Eide, Tim Johnson, Elizabeth Kauth, Gina Light, Chris Madsen, Melinda Stefanski, Ann Walker Smalley-Metronet, Deanna Sylte-Metronet, Marc Colin-Carpenter Evert & Assoc.

### **I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

### **II. Approval of agenda**

*Jeff Eide moved to approve the agenda as amended; Gina Light seconded; approved unanimously.*

### **III. Minutes of 5/19/09 meeting**

*Gina Light moved to approve the 5/19/09 minutes as written; Elizabeth Kauth seconded; approved unanimously.*

### **IV. FY09 Audit**

Marc Colin provided an overview of the FY09 audit. There were no findings and Metronet received the highest opinion possible.

*Chris Madsen moved to approve the FY09 audit; Gina Light seconded; approved unanimously.*

### **V. Approval of May, June & July 09 Bills**

*Gina Light moved to approve the May 09 bills; Jeff Eide seconded; approved unanimously.*

*Chris Madsen moved to approve the June 09 bills; Elizabeth Kauth seconded; approved unanimously.*

*Gina Light moved to approve the July 09 bills; Cynthia Breslauer seconded; approved unanimously.*

### **VI. May, June & July 09 Financial Statements**

Informational only.

### **VII. Old Business/Updates**

#### **A. Metronet Information Literacy Initiative (MILI)**

LeAnn Suchy was hired in late August as the new MILI Program Manager after Karen Eidem decided to accept a full-time media specialist position with Minneapolis. Ann and LeAnn will meet with Chaska this week to discuss plans for a possible 2009-10 program, talks are also underway with Spring Lake Park, and Minneapolis will be participating again this year.

#### **B. Information Literacy Conference**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Information Literacy Conference was a success, with approximately 100 attendees, including 10-12 administrators. David Loertscher and Allison Zmuda were excellent, and Ann noted that it would be nice to get Allison here to speak to administrators only. Next year's focus will be on how public, academic and school libraries figure into information literacy.

#### **C. Camp Read-A-Lot**

This year we offered two days – one for grades 2-5 and one for 6-12. The online portion of the program was handled by using a Ning where campers could post book reviews to their blog and virtual campers (who could not attend the day-long event at Como) could participate in discussion forums. Anita Silvey and Allison McGhee were both great speakers at the day-long event. This year also included a “pick one of your own” option for the booktalks which attendees enjoyed. There was some difficulty in obtaining certain titles, and that will be addressed next year. Attendance was good and we plan to offer the program again in 2010.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **A. Election of Officers**

Chris Madsen agreed to serve as Board President for FY10; Jeff Eide will remain as Vice-President; Cynthia Breslauer agreed to serve as Treasurer. *Approved unanimously.*

### **B. Metronet Membership Agreement**

State Library Services sent a letter stating that our current organizational agreement was out of compliance. Ann Walker Smalley recommended returning to the original agreement with some minor updates. *Approved unanimously.*

### **C. History Day @ your library**

This year's History Day @ your library will be held on November 4 at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul. There will be 20 different sessions, from which attendees may pick five. This year's theme is "Innovation in History: Impact and Change." We're hoping for 100 attendees.

### **D. Strategic Plan**

We are required to submit a plan each year, and need to complete a revision every three years. Ann Walker Smalley suggested that the board review the plan and submit suggestions. Rather than hiring a consultant, the Board agreed to work on the plan at meetings and/or via email/Google Docs/etc. The plan should reflect Metronet's actual strategic direction, and areas we don't address (such as concrete resource sharing, delivery, etc.) should be omitted.

### **E. Personnel Committee**

The Board needs to meet to review and revise the personnel policy, address some minor issues including comp time and raises for staff, and complete Ann's evaluation.

### **F. Steltzner Scholarship Application**

Metronet received an application for the Steltzner scholarship from Holly Thompson who wants to attend the 2009 MEMO Fall Conference in Rochester.

*Jeff Eide moved to approve the Steltzner scholarship application; Gina Light seconded; approved unanimously.*

## **IX. Director's Report**

AWS gave overview of activities for past few months (written report provided to board).

## **X. Other**

Tim Johnson was wondering about the possibility of digitizing the Northern Lights collection of author interviews created by Metronet some years ago. The Board was excited about the idea and Tim agreed to investigate further and bring it up at the next meeting.

## **XI. Board Sharing**

None.

## **XI. Next Meeting – November 17, 2009**

## **XII. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.*