

Metronet Governing Board Meeting - Tuesday, November 18, 2008 - 3:00 p.m. - Suite 320

Present: Jeff Eide, Tim Johnson, Gina Light, Chris Madsen, Mary McGreevy, Alison Schaub, Brigid Shields, Melinda Stefanski, Ann Walker Smalley-Metronet, Deanna Sylte-Metronet, Marc Colin-Carpenter Evert & Associates (audit firm)

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. Approval of agenda

Jeff Eide moved to approve the agenda as written; Brigid Shields seconded; approved unanimously.

III. FY08 Audit Report

Marc Colin gave an overview of the FY08 audit report, noting that Metronet had received the highest opinion possible (a clean report). The Board discussed the need to spend down reserve funds and agreed to continue with the current status of keeping approximately \$120,000 in reserve for operating expenses and spending down approximately \$75,000 in the near future. *Chris Madsen moved to approve the draft audit for Metronet's FY08 finances; Gina Light seconded; approved unanimously.*

IV. Minutes of 9/16/08 meeting

Jeff Eide moved to approve the 9/16/08 minutes as written; Melinda Stefanski seconded; approved unanimously.

V. Approval of September & October 2008 Bills

Chris Madsen moved to approve the September and October 2008 bills; Gina Light seconded; approved unanimously.

VI. September and October 2008 Financial Statements

Informational only.

VII. Old Business/Updates

A. Metronet Information Literacy Initiative (MILI)

Ann Walker Smalley noted that the monthly meetings have been getting good attendance, and welcomed board members to visit any of the monthly meetings to see first-hand what MILI is about. She also noted that Karen Eidem, Program Manager, is doing a great job and really seems to understand the mission of MILI and teaches it well. Other districts are interested in the project, and Ann is trying to figure out how to respond based on Metronet's available resources. On Wednesday, 11/26, Ann and Karen will be presenting on the project to middle school staff in Chaska during their staff inservice day.

B. Steltzner Scholarship

Staff asked for clarification on the policy for this scholarship that it is available only to Metronet members (metro-area) and that it is available to all library staff, not just professional librarians. The announcement of the scholarship will be sent to the Metronet email list, as well as those of MLA, SLA, CLIC and MEMO. After reviewing the scholarship policy, Jeff Eide noted that on page 1, item 4, wording should be "individuals may receive..." rather than "may apply."

Gina Light moved to adopt the written policy with the wording change to item 4 as noted above; Chris Madsen seconded; approved unanimously.

C. History Day @ your library

This event was held on November 12 at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul. There were 50 attendees and 12 presenters, with a good response to the program. The two general sessions and 8 breakouts (attendees chose 4) focused on expanding people's knowledge of library resources available for History Day research. The event was sponsored by Metronet, MELSA, and History Day, and we plan to hold it again in 2009.

D. WebJunction Minnesota

The WJMN Team is still working on content and filling out the site. Deanna Sylte has been working on reorganizing and making the user experience easier.

E. Early Career Librarians

The next meeting will be November 20 at the TGIFriday's next to the hotel where the MLA conference is being held.

VIII. New Business

A. More Things On a Stick

Stickers were passed around showing the revised logo with new wording and a different color scheme. More Things will begin on January 20 and will run through May 20 – 23+1 Things (including the evaluation) over 17 weeks. This version will be hosted on a wiki rather than a blog, and while the first page is available now, full content will be made public at launch.

IX. 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. Highlights include Party On a Stick and the multitypes' sponsorship of Tim Spaulding at MLA's conference; Library Legislative Day is scheduled for March 25; MELSA will be holding a "techie toybox" day for their board on December 11 and invites Metronet's board to attend as well, or they can stop by on December 12 for the building-wide chance to explore gadgets such as a Wii, iTouch, and more.

X. Board Sharing

Tim Johnson noted that he recently attended a Sherlock Holmes event in Canada; Gina Light noted that the Internet Café, sponsored by the multitypes, was a big hit at the MEMO conference.

XI. Next Meeting – January 20, 2009

XII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.