

Metronet Governing Board Meeting · Tuesday, November 17, 2009 · 3:00 p.m. · Suite 320

Present: Cynthia Breslauer, Jeff Eide, Gina Light, Chris Madsen, Mary McGreevy, Brigid Shields, Melinda Stefanski, Ann Walker Smalley-Metronet, Deanna Sylte-Metronet

I. Call to order

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

II. Approval of agenda

Ann Walker Smalley asked to add "WebJunction Contract" under New Business.

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

III. Minutes of 9/15/09 meeting

Gina Light moved to approve the 9/15/09 minutes as written; Melinda Stefanski seconded; approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of August, September & October 09 Bills

Gina Light moved to approve the August-October 09 bills; Jeff Eide seconded; approved unanimously.

V. August, September & October 09 Financial Statements

Informational only.

VI. Old Business/Updates

A. Metronet Information Literacy Initiative (MILI)

There are currently three districts participating: Minneapolis, Chaska (Eastern Carver County) and Spring Lake Park. New this year is the monthly 30-minute webinar, with one of the major benefits being that everyone hears the same content and the lesson does not have to be repeated multiple times at each location. In addition to the webinar each location has a monthly face-to-face meeting. Also this year we have started using a Ning which facilitates discussion across districts and makes the administration much easier as all the blogs are located in the same site.

Bloomington and Edina Schools have requested meetings to talk about MILI and how they might possibly participate next year.

B. History Day @ your library

This year's event included 20 sessions over five time slots. We had approximately 80 attendees including presenters. There is some consideration of replicating the event and holding it at various locations throughout the state in collaboration with the Minnesota History Center, the public libraries and the multitypes, possibly using some of the Legacy funds.

C. Metronet Strategic Plan

The plan has been posted to Google Docs and all board members have been invited. Ann Walker Smalley noted that she would make some suggestions to begin the process and discussion can begin at the next meeting.

D. Personnel Committee

This group (Breslauer, Eide and Madsen) needs to review the policy and make some updates as well as to complete a performance evaluation for Ann Walker Smalley.

VII. New Business

A. WebJunction Contract

Ann Walker Smalley noted that the current WebJunction contract will end on June 30, 2010. The cost for renewal has increased and would cost between \$32-38,000 per year. She noted that this amount does NOT include the Horizon Wimba online conferencing software, which Metronet has been using for MILLI webinars and which Minitex uses for their online classes as well.

One major issue regarding WebJunction Minnesota is the amount of time needed to make the project successful. Currently Metronet contributes between 5-10 hours per week, Minitex - 5, and State Library Services - 15-20. Most community partners have a full-time staff person dedicated to WebJunction, if not more. Another question for the board to consider is whether Metronet should be funding (both in time and dollars) a statewide project when our service area is only the metro area. Ann noted that even if the formal commitment ends, if WebJunction continues Metronet would still contribute content and assist as needed.

Ann also noted that the administrators of the three partners (Metronet, Minitex and State Library Services) will be meeting on December 21 to begin discussing the possible renewal of WJMN so there is no need for a formal decision by the board, rather she just would like to gain a sense of their views on the matter.

After some discussion the board agreed to see what comes of the December 21 meeting, but the consensus was that Metronet has contributed to WJMN long enough and should consider ending its formal contribution.

VIII. Director's Report

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

IX. Other

X. Board Sharing

Gina Light noted that she is the Program Co-Chair for the 2010 MEMO Fall Conference in St. Cloud.

XI. Next Meeting – January 19, 2010

XII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.