

SLC Advisory Board of Librarians Draft Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 20th 10-11:30am ET

Attending/Call to Order: The meeting began at approx. 10:04 a.m.

Ready Talk: Dillon Geshel (Portage), Denise Engel (Wakefield) Dion Mindykowski (Tahquamenon); Lisa Waskin; (Superior District), Lisa Cromell (Munising). Judy Kenyon (Curtis Township). **Zoom:** Megan Buck (Dickinson County) Andrea Ingmire (Peter White) Wanda Tessmer (Carp Lake); Amanda Winnicki (Menominee County)

Superiorland Library Cooperative: Shawn Andary, Pam Malmsten

Minutes from January 16, 2018 Meeting

Accepted on motion of Wanda Tessmer, Second Andrea Ingmire, unanimous.

SLC Committee Reports

Grants: Nothing to report

Professional Development: Nothing to report

Programming Committee: Dion Mindykowski reported that the committee meets at 3pm on 2/20 to choose the performers that SLC will subsidize for summer.

RIDES: Committee will be meeting in March.

Technology: Shawn Andary provided the update that Jean Montgomery will be doing some Arduino workshops in the spring.

Old Business

Discussion of Survey Results.

Results of the Survey Monkey poll regarding voting and representation on the Superiorland Library Cooperative Board were reviewed and discussed.

Discussion of the SLC Bylaws:

Article II, Section 1 Regarding eligible appointees

Article II, Section 1 Vote Distribution

Amanda Winnicki made a motion that the Advisory Board make the recommendation to the SLC Board to remove the language “who is not an employee of a member public library” from Article II, Section 1 of the SLC Bylaws. Judy Kenyon seconded. Motion passed by consensus.

Shawn Andary will check on the statement from the bylaws “The Board of Directors of the Superiorland Library Cooperative does not have any jurisdiction over the property or management of local libraries or their boards.”

Judy Kenyon made a motion to make the recommendation to the SLC Board that representative groups of all class sizes receive the same number of votes: 3 votes for group 1 (Class I), 3 votes for group 2 (Class II and III) and 3 votes for group 3 (Class IV, V) Andrea Ingmire seconded. Motion passed by consensus.

Update on SLC Staffing:

Uncertainty with MERS issue has prohibited forward motion on making staffing changes. MERS Board recommended talking to lawyer. Foster and Swift attorneys are looking and it and a recommendation is expected by next week. The issue will be discussed at the SLC Board meeting on 2/23.

New Business

February 26th SLC Board Meeting Agenda Items

The Chair reviewed the agenda items that will be discussed at the meeting.

ABL Representation on SLC Finance and Personnel Committees

The Chair called for volunteers to represent the Advisory Board of Librarians on the SLC Finance and Personnel Committees. Carolyn Stacey volunteered to be the representative on the Personnel Committee. Requests for representation will also be sent out via email.

Communication and Collaboration

Rural Libraries Conference: Dickinson County staff are driving and are available for ride sharing. Portage Lake is also available for carpooling. Curtis and Munising are sending two staff members. Superiorland is offering stipends for conference attendance.

Programs/Promotions: Amanda Winnicki described a new program where the library's staff meeting overlaps with open hours and staff shares book talks and recommendations with members of the public.

Lisa Waskin gave a "shout out" to Monique Ciofu in Escanaba for her idea about Skyping with loved ones at the library. Superior District Library is hosting a Friends workshop on May 15th at the Curtis Library that is open to everyone. Staff and friends are invited.

Think Tank Time:

Alanson Library posed a question via Shawn Andary about programs and services that can appeal to townships. Directors recommended communicating more with townships about services that library already provides. Remote drop boxes and more convenient options for pickup/return of materials were discussed. Munising offers this service in collaboration with local bus service. Dickinson asked for ideas about advertising for part-time jobs. Escanaba mentioned updating and modernizing job descriptions. Marquette asked about anti-harassment policies. Superior District Library has an anti-harassment policy to share.

Next Meeting Date: Shawn Andary will send out a Doodle poll for next meeting. Next meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m

Submitted by Carolyn Stacey, Secretary