

SLC Advisory Board of Librarians Draft Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, April 24th 10:00 a.m. EST

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

Attending via Zoom: Megan Buck (Dickinson County), Lisa Waskin (Superior District), Amanda Winnicki (Menominee County), Andrea Ingmire (Peter White) Wanda Tessmer (Carp Lake), Dion Mindykowski (Tahquamenon), Lynn Wiercinski (Ironwood), Connie Meyer (Crawford County), Alycia McKowen (St. Ignace), Eric Magness-Eubank (Alpena) Carolyn Stacey (EsCANABA).

Superiorland Library Cooperative: Shawn Andary, Pam Malmsten.

Introductions/Comments:

Note for agenda: Remove Dion Mindykowski as programming chair.

Minutes from March 20, 2018 Meeting

Accepted on consensus. Note: Draft minutes will be posted online prior to the each upcoming meeting.

SLC Committee Reports

Grants: Lisa Waskin reported that they did not receive an LSTA grant.

Professional Development: Nothing to report

Programming Committee: Shawn Andary mentioned that there may still time to pull together some programs for summer and will update the group via email.

RIDES: Shawn Andary said report from consultant has been made available. There will be one meeting on May 8th for the task force. Shawn is on the task force and will travel down for that meeting. Amanda Winnicki inquired about the stipend for member libraries. Shawn indicated there would likely be a continuation of previous stipend or something similar.

Technology: No report.

Old Business

SLC Bylaws The Superiorland Board approved changing the vote distribution for member libraries. That change will go into effect on October 1st with the new fiscal year. Discussion about director representation on the board was tabled.

Update on SLC Staffing.

Jeremy Morelock will be starting full-time on May 8th. The Network Administrator position remains open. 14 applications were received and the pool was narrowed to 6. The Director search was posted as required and closed on April 16th. There is a personnel committee meeting this afternoon at 1:00 EST to discuss next steps.

Report from SLC Finance Committee

Pam Malmsten reported that SLC is looking at options with MERS pension and retirement plans, leaning towards recommending freezing the current defined benefit plan as it is a high cost to the cooperative. A new defined benefit plan would have fewer benefits and eligibility would be limited. They are look also at defined contribution plans.

New Business

Next SLC Board Meeting Agenda Items

A goal for 2018 is to review bylaws. Pam Malmsten indicated that the personnel policy manual needs updating. The Advisory Board of Librarians is required to meet to give input into the annual plan of service. ABL intends to hold a few regional meetings with one wrap up meeting with final discussion and recommendations. A Doodle poll with meeting dates will be going out. Megan, Wanda, Carolyn and Shawn intend to attend all regional meetings.

Think Tank

Andrea Ingmire asked about the best way to get the news out to the public about renovating. Megan Buck talked about making a Facebook group about their project where they post pictures and updates. They also ran article in the paper with pictures. Connie Meyer reported that they are getting info together for mileage and they will be doing a social media campaign, using Facebook and Instagram and the library web site.

Lisa Waskin announced Superior District Library's Friends of Library workshop on May 15th in Curtis.

Megan Buck initiated general discussion on noisy libraries – both public and staff noises. Traffic lights, white noise machines we mentioned as coping tools.

Next Meeting Date: June 5th at 10:00 a.m EST

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m

Submitted by Carolyn Stacey, Secretary