

St. Louis Regional Library Network Minutes  
September 11, 2014 1:30 pm  
Concordia Seminary

Attendees: Eric Stancliff, Lynn Grimshaw Maitz, Heidi Vix, Michael Boddy, Angela Watson, Chris Pryor, Meredith McCarthy

Amigos Representative: Linda Elkow

- I. Welcome – Called to order at 1:35pm.
- II. Approval of minutes – Approved by acclamation.
- III. Treasurer’s Report
  - a. August balance sheet was discussed. Fund balance is \$31,435.83.
  - b. Still at 100% in the budget for marketing for 2014.
    - i. Lynn will inquire of Tracy Byerly as to the status of ordering swag items.
- IV. Google Calendar update
  - a. Linda will verify if she is able to edit the calendar and report to Heidi if she experiences any issues.
- V. Marketing
  - a. Benefits folder committee
    - i. Meredith presented the new draft of the prospective membership brochure. A change will be made to first sentence under membership to include reference to individual members. Overall the brochure received general approval.
    - ii. Existing membership brochure – Meredith will change the tagline on the front of the prospective membership brochure to instead express thanks for being a member to make clear that the brochure details the services available to paid members.
  - b. Notification list – Being worked on by Linda and Christina.
- VI. Fall Workshop
  - a. Will work on having event at St. Louis Public’s Central Library to tour and get a demonstration of their Creative Experience Space. Eric will ask Christina to make the arrangements.

VII. Tech Expo 2015

- a. Will be held on February 25, 2015 at Purser Center at Logan College of Chiropractic. Proposal call goes out 10/31/14.
- b. Logan has a list of approved caterers from which we will have to choose. Heidi indicated that there were concerns raised regarding the food at the 2014 Expo so we will want to make sure to explore all available options.
- c. The survey compilation from the 2014 event will be reviewed for guidance in planning. Issues were raised regarding sound quality, room temperature, and food.

VIII. Spring Speaker Series 2015

- a. Eric has contacted Senator Maria Chapelle-Nadal's office and has not heard back yet.
- b. Other backup speaker possibilities were discussed. Value in soliciting ideas from other area library organizations was discussed. Tracy Byerly is also a source for additional speakers.
  - i. Unshelved Comics
  - ii. Story Corps
  - iii. St. Louis 250
  - iv. Local authors
    1. Local science fiction author Ann Leckie
    2. Librarian in Black (blog)
    3. Gina Sheridan – "I Work in a Public Library" book
- c. Will pursue possible locations once speaker is confirmed.
- d. The focus of the speaker's series was discussed. Consensus was that the goal agreed upon in the past is for the series to bring in new faces and to appeal to a broad audience.

IX. NetNews

- a. Heidi offered to take charge of the production of NetNews and Lynn will assist.

- i. Heidi and Lynn will have editorial control and the final product will be sent to the listserv for approval.
    - ii. Heidi will contact Sheila to work on obtaining needed files / templates.
    - iii. Meredith suggested that if any formatting requirements emerge for the articles to share them with the group to help make less editing needed.
  - b. Mailing will be done electronically only.
  - c. The need to incorporate the newsletter content into the website was discussed.
  - d. A rundown of content traditionally in the newsletter was discussed.
  - e. Article topics
    - i. Message from the President discussing changes / status of the organization.
    - ii. Council members were asked to generate ideas and flesh them out into articles and send them to the list.
- X. Day of week for our meetings
  - a. Will stay on Thursdays unless other member commitments intervene.
- XI. Web site updates
  - a. Member directory has been posted.
  - b. Council minutes are now up through May. The minutes from the last meeting will go up on Monday since they are now approved.
- XII. "Between meetings" items
  - a. Vianney staff representative – Lynn will inquire further and coordinate with Linda as needed.
- XIII. Replacement of Sheila Ouelette on the Council
  - a. Bylaws call for Council to fill the vacant position with a vote at a Council meeting.
  - b. No requirements to fill the vacancy from a particular type of library.

- c. Council members are asked to think about possible candidates and bring them forward on the listserv. Make sure to stress that you are just gauging interest and not guaranteeing a spot on the Council.
- d. Eric indicated that the goal is to have a vote on filling the vacancy at the next meeting.

XIV. Summer Workshop 2015

- a. Possible ideas for topics brought forward:
  - i. Negotiation techniques
    - 1. Writing RFPs
  - ii. Programming Ideas
    - 1. Performers showcase
  - iii. Disaster response
  - iv. Preservation of materials (digital)
    - 1. Digital repository options

XV. Other business

- a. History of the organization
  - i. Michael mentioned encountering previous officials from the group's distant past which spurred thoughts about gathering information about the past history of SLRLN.
  - ii. Subcommittee is working on putting together a written history.
- b. Date for next meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Concordia Seminary Library.
- c. Lynn will pursue contact with the Catholic Library Association to build a relationship with SLRLN.

XVI. Adjournment at 3:10pm.