

St. Louis Regional Library Network Minutes
November 13, 2014 1:30 pm
Concordia Seminary

Attendance:

Eric Stancliff, Chris Pryor, Kelly Mitchell, Meredith McCarthy, Brian McFerron, Heidi Vix, Christina Prucha, Michael Boddy

Amigos Representative: Linda Elkow

- I. Welcome – Called to order at 1:33 p.m.
- II. Approval of minutes – Heidi made a motion to accept the minutes which Brian seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Report was distributed and reviewed
 - a. Payment for the swag items is not in this report since it happened after 10/31.
 - b. Pending membership renewals were discussed.
 - i. Contact has been made with Vianney and they are not renewing this year.
 - c. Christina Prucha made a motion to approve the report which was seconded by Heidi. The report was approved by acclamation.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Kelly Mitchell from St. Charles Community College was welcomed to the Council to fulfill the remainder of Sheila Oulette’s term.
 - b. Marketing
 - i. Benefits folder committee – Meredith distributed the revised benefits brochures incorporating the changes suggested at the previous meeting. Meredith will fix the typo noted today on the front page.
 1. Discussion of the deployment of the brochures followed.
 - a. Take to professional conferences and events
 - b. Distribute to our partner organizations that share the Google calendar
 - c. Distribute to libraries that attend SLRLN events
 - d. Add the brochures to the SLRLN website
 - ii. Notification list
 1. Christina Prucha has developed a notification list of the bigger school district members with multiple libraries to send the brochure to as a reinforcement of the benefits of membership. Linda will work on

generating a list of the libraries that have dropped SLRLN membership as another target. Brian offered to give follow up telephone contacts as needed. The focus will be on getting information out to our existing members and focus on the rest of the world at the Tech Expo and beyond.

2. Discussion of the membership contact list not being current on the website ensued. The old list is located behind the password and just a list of member libraries is on the publicly accessible side of the site. A motion was made by Michael and seconded by Heidi that the former directory list be removed from the website. The motion was approved by acclamation.

c. Net News

1. Heidi redid the issue numbers to reflect seasonal issues for the current year to start things over fresh. The structure of the newsletter was revised as well to refresh visual appeal.
2. Heidi reminded everyone that they can share local happenings at their libraries in a short article.
3. Net News will be sent out four times a year.

d. Subcommittee for the History of SLRLN

- i. Heidi used the Wayback Machine on the internet to find a partial list of prior Council members and some old issues of Net News.
- ii. Heidi has conducted one interview so far and is pursuing more.

e. Swag

- i. Post-it notepads and stylus pens were distributed. Council members expressed strong approval of the items selected and how they turned out.

f. Fall Workshop 2014 debrief by Heidi

- i. There were some initial logistical concerns that were resolved quickly but they did lead to timing issues between the groups touring the library and those touring the Creative Center.
- ii. 23 people attended and overall it can be considered a success. A follow up feedback survey will be sent to the attendees.

V. “Between meetings” items – None

VI. Tech Expo 2015 – Will be held on 2/25

- a. The call for proposals has gone out and we have not received any responses yet. Several

Council members indicated that they have proposals in the works and there have been outside inquiries.

- b. Catering options were discussed. Consensus is to go with Logan for the morning and a motion was made by Heidi and seconded by Meredith to approve choosing Honey Baked Ham for the lunch. The motion was approved by acclamation. Attendees would select their meals when registering.
- c. The amount to charge attendees was discussed. There will be follow up on the listserv to use information from past events and anticipated 2015 event expenses to assess an appropriate cost.
- d. Suggestion was made to add the attendee's organization to the name tags used at the event. Linda will make sure this happens.
- e. Discussion of the timing of approving proposals ensued. There were 11 presentations in 2014. We will need 8 sessions minimum for a viable event. The Council will meet in December to go over proposals which are due by 12/8. Meredith will host the meeting virtually via Go To Meeting on 12/18 at 1:30 p.m.

VII. Spring Speakers Series 2015

- a. Eric is still pursuing contact with Senator Nadal's office but has not had a response yet.
- b. StoryCorps is a very live option that is being actively pursued. It is the front runner at this time. Recommendation is for Angie to continue to pursue while we keep other options open.
- c. Other speaker possibilities brought up for consideration:
 - i. Sarah Houghton – Librarian in Black
 - ii. Steve Hughes of HitYourStride.com – speaker at prior SLA event
 - iii. Trevor Dawes – ACRL president and offers talks on financial literacy
 - iv. Marshall Breeding
- d. Discussion of the logistics of planning the speakers series further out with a longer lead time ensued.
- e. Heidi will send out the new revised possible speakers list to the email list for consideration.

VIII. Summer Workshop 2015 (June or July)

- a. Heidi shared her positive experience in attending the Librarian 411 session at the MLA conference. Meredith shared her experience with attending an all day session on the topic at the Missouri Mental Health Institute in a prior year. Heidi will pursue further

contact with the group as a possible workshop presenter.

- b. Michael brought up the idea of a session on disaster planning and how to deal with a disaster after it happens. This could possibly lead to the creation of disaster response teams and / or sample disaster plans for the area. Eric noted that water damage is the source of most library damage in major disasters no matter the original causes. Meredith noted that public libraries would be more interested in building / computer issues than book repair / reclamation so it might be wise to offer two tracks. Michael will pursue this option as either a summer or fall workshop possibility.
- c. Christina Prior offered the services of her husband as a possible speaker on 3D printing.

IX. Fall Workshop 2015 (September or October)

- a. The workshop options that are not viable for summer will be considered for fall.

X. Other business

- a. Christina Prucha raised the need to commit to if we are using the Fontbonne café space for the spring speaker event. They will need an answer soon. There is no charge for renting but there is a charge for catering and a liquor license. We can use an outside caterer but they won't have access to the kitchen area. Eric will follow up with Angie to confirm if the timing will work.

XI. Adjournment at 3:30 p.m.

- a. Motion made by Christina Prucha. Brian seconded. Approved by acclamation.