

St. Louis Regional Library Network Council Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2016 1:30 pm
De Smet Jesuit High School

Attendees: Lynn Grimshaw Maitz, Tori Lyons, Jamie Emery, Nina O'Daniels, Christa Van Herreweghe, Julie Portman, Jeff Bargielski, Heidi Vix, Brigid Dolan

Guest: Tracy Byerly

Meeting called to order at 1:38 pm

- 1) Approval of Minutes – Christa moved to approve the minutes. Heidi seconded. Motion carried.
- 2) Treasurer's Report
 - a) Tracy shared the 2016 year-end financial report. SLRLN ended the year with a \$609 deficit, which is less than was anticipated. The smaller deficit is due to expenses being less than projected, namely the workshop and speakers series expenses.
 - b) Tori reviewed the July financial statement. The summer workshop expenses totaled \$796.04. The workshop generated \$752.50 in income, which leaves a total deficit of \$43.54 for the workshop. The July statement also included miscellaneous expenses of \$99 for SLRLN.org domain registration and \$10.50 for a tax filing fee, as well as payments for the AMIGOS management fee and insurance. Tracy pointed out that only one library has yet to pay their membership renewal, which is a vast improvement over prior years. [NOTE: After the meeting, Tracy reviewed the financial records and revised her statement to indicate that there are approximately 16 outstanding membership renewal invoices. – T.L.] Heidi moved to accept the report. Christa seconded. Motion carried.
- 3) Election of officers
 - a) The offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are up for election. Vice President is a two-year position, transitioning to President after the first year. Lynn suggested that Meredith be retained as Secretary and Tori be retained as Treasurer. Lynn nominated Nina for Vice President, but she declined the nomination at this time. As there were no volunteers for the Vice President position, Heidi moved to table the discussion until the October meeting. Julie seconded. Motion carried.
- 4) AMIGOS update
 - a) Tracy explained the role of AMIGOS, which includes providing financial and management services, running the SLRLN website, and handling event registration. Megan Bryant accepted a new position at AMIGOS. Nicole Walsh has been hired as Megan's replacement and will begin on September 19.

5) NetNews

- a) Heidi has completed the most recent issue and will be sending it out soon. She reminded council members that she is always looking for local library news, updates, and events to add to NetNews.

6) Fall Workshop

- a) The fall workshop, Storycorps @ Your Library, will be held at University City Library on September 21 from 1-4 p.m. The workshop will be presented by Kara Krekeler and Christa Van Herreweghe and will cover oral history projects/digital storytelling at libraries. There will be light refreshments (i.e. cookies, water, coffee).
- b) Jamie expressed concern with the workshop name since it could cause some confusion with the StoryCorps program held for the Spring Speakers Series last year. The council agreed to change the workshop name to Oral History @ Your Library.
- c) Christa suggested changing the workshop start time to 1:30 p.m. to better accommodate lunch schedules. The council agreed to change the workshop time to 1:30-4:00 p.m.
- d) Nina agreed to provide an image to use on the website to link to the EZ Register page.
- e) Heidi moved to set registration amounts at \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members. Lynn seconded. Motion carried.

7) Spring Speaker Series 2017

- a) Heidi has Jeff Bezos's personal e-mail and will ask him if he would be interested in speaking at this event.
- b) Heidi suggested St. Louis Public Radio personalities Maria Altman, Marshall Griffin, and Joseph Leahy as other possible speakers. It was suggested that Marshall Griffin, the Statehouse Reporter, could speak about library advocacy at the Capitol. Heidi will contact him about being a speaker. Another possibility would be to get a speaker from ALA to speak about library advocacy.
- c) Lynn stated that De Smet's new president, Cory Quinn, is a dynamic speaker and is another possibility.
- d) Heidi, Jamie, and Lynn will serve on the Spring Speaker Series subcommittee.

8) Old Business – Membership Dues

- a) The council and a subcommittee had previously started investigating changing the dues structure/amount, but it fell by the wayside as the council focused on other matters. Modeling was already done to show what membership fee revenue would be based a number of different scenarios. There are multiple options, including expanding from three budget tiers to four or five, basing dues on number of librarians, and creating different tiers for each type of library. A new dues model will need to be in place by January in order to communicate to members before next year's renewals are sent out.
- b) Christa, Jeff, and Tori will serve on the Membership Dues subcommittee, with Tracy providing assistance.

9) New Business – Next Meeting Date

- a) The next council meeting will be held on October 20 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at De Smet Jesuit High School.

10) Adjourn

- a) Heidi moved to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. Christa seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tori Lyons

Tori Lyons – SLRLN Treasurer