

St. Louis Regional Library Network Council Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2017 at 1:30pm
Spencer Creek Road Branch, Rm. 212

Attendees: Laurie St. Laurent, Jamie Emery, Heidi Vix, Tori Lyons, Christa Van Herreweghe, Nina O'Daniels, Julie Portman, Jeff Bargielski, Erin Magner

Guests: Nicole Walsh (Amigos)

Meeting called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Nina O'Daniels.

- I. Approval of Virtual Minutes from 6/14/17
 - A. Julie moved. Heidi seconded. Minutes approved by acclamation.
 - B. 6/14/17 was Lynn Grimshaw Maitz & Meredith McCarthy's last meeting.
- II. Treasurer's Report - Tori
 - A. July financial balance sheet was discussed.
 1. Ending balance of \$26,086.09.
 2. Outstanding membership dues total \$5,477.50.
 - B. Membership Update
 1. Some organizations have opted not to renew membership including Hickey College, Kirkwood School District and SWIC (Southwestern Illinois College)
 2. Nicole noted that several dues were on their way but there were nine other members that had not yet been heard from.
 3. Council members volunteered to reach out to the nine various institutions to encourage membership renewal.
 - C. Heidi moved to accept the July Financial report. Christa seconded. Motion carried.
- III. Summer Workshop
 - A. Reflections on Event
 1. The Summer Workshop Committee (Julie, Heidi, Jamie) received mixed reviews of the event but overall feel it was a informative event that wes well received by the numerous attendees.
 2. Julie mentioned that Panera coffee was too expensive at \$105.00.
 3. A \$50.00 Amazon giftcard honorarium was given to Karen Robinson, the Summer Workshop speaker.
 - a) Nicole will send receipt to Tori so this can be added to July's financial report.
 4. Laurie will provide additional information to Heidi so an update can be added to the next NetNews.
 - B. Budget after event
 1. Good news was reported; SLRLN was \$323 in the black from this event.

2. Art of Entertaining was easy to work with but Julie noted there was a lot of waste and suggested finding an eco-friendly caterer for future events.
 - a) Options were discussed for possible caterers including Whole Foods and campus catering.

IV. Fall Workshop

A. Subcommittee update - Tori

1. SLRLN partnering with St. Louis Medical Librarians.
2. Workshop taking place on September 21 at the Florissant Valley branch.
3. We have two members of STL Med Lib presenting on consumer health customer service: Judy Hansen & Mychal Voorhees.
4. Check-in and Networking will be from 9:30-10:00 a.m. since the library opens at 9:00 a.m.
 - a) Nicole will add a note about this to the next email blast.
5. Refreshments:
 - a) Coffee, Coffee percolator & cups will be provided by Erin.
 - b) Tori will get danishes from Costco.
6. Christa noted that typical registration for this event is about 12-15 people.

V. New Business

A. Overdrive

1. Now provides shared collections for school
2. Council discussed email inquiring if SLRLN would provide a shared collection?
 - a) Heidi noted that many people use SLRLN to obtain discounts but that Overdrive is a larger scope that our volunteer base would not be able to support.
 - b) Determined it would be too big of an undertaking for this organization but that we would refer them to their local public library where they can access Overdrive for free.

B. Tech Expo (not on original agenda)

1. Dates were proposed for this year's Tech Expo
 - a) Last year it was March 1st
 - b) PLA March 15-19
 - c) Proposed dates are Wednesdays, February 28 or March 7
2. Save the dates will be published on NetNews
 - a) Rebecca Van Kniest can assist Heidi with editing NetNews.
 - (1) Compensation in the form of a Council discount on an event for Rebecca's services was discussed.
 - (2) NetNews will come out next week.
3. Julie will send out a call for proposals towards the end of October.
 - a) Nina will help create a google form to be used.
 - b) Proposals will be due by Friday, December 1.

- c) Heidi will promote the call for proposals in the NetNews with a list of suggested topics.
 - 4. Call for Tech Expo Subcommittee Volunteers
 - a) Julie, Jamie, Christa, Heidi and Tori volunteered
- C. Spring Speaker Series (not on original agenda)
 - 1. Suggested for topics/speakers was discussed.
 - a) Getting a “big name” keynote speaker were discussed (someone that is perhaps local and inspirational).
 - (1) Alison Rollins, the poet librarian from Nerix, was proposed.
 - (2) Jay Ashcorft was proposed.
 - b) Nicole will send out the archive of SSS topics and performers from the last 3-5 years.
 - c) Other possible topics discussed: The “user experience”, escape rooms, breakout boxes, programming displays, QR scavenger hunts, tech tools.
 - d) Julie proposed “Design Thinking” as a possible presentation topic at a future event - perhaps the Spring Speaker Series.
 - 2. Call for Spring Speaker Series Subcommittee Volunteers
 - a) Laurie, Heidi, Nina volunteered.
 - b) Subcommittee will begin thinking about a venue.
- VI. Call for Officers
 - A. Vice President
 - 1. Heidi nominated Christa. Laurie seconded. Motion carried.
 - 2. Christa graciously accepted the role of Vice President.
 - 3. The VP is the President “in training”.
- VII. New Business Continued...
 - A. Next Meeting Date
 - 1. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 19; location TBD.
 - 2. Christa will check the rooms at her location.
 - B. Information Sharing
 - 1. Heidi will share the SLRLN gmail account, calendar and all related Council paperwork with all members.
- VIII. Adjourn
 - A. Heidi moved. Christa seconded. Motion carried.
 - B. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Magner

Erin Magner – SLRLN Secretary