

St. Louis Regional Library Network Council Meeting  
May 7, 2015, 1:30 p.m.  
De Smet Jesuit High School

Attendees: Heidi Vix, Christina Prucha, Michael Boddy, Lynn Grimshaw Maitz, Tori Lyons, Kelly Mitchell

Visitors: Tracy Byerly, Megan Bryant

- I. Welcome – Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.
- II. Approval of minutes – Motion was made by Michael to approve the minutes after discussion and Christina seconded. Motion carried.
- III. New Member Introduction – Christa Van Herreweghe was introduced as the new council member.
- IV. Officer Elections
  - a. President and Vice President positions have already been filled for the upcoming year.
  - b. Heidi nominated Meredith for reelection to the position of Secretary. Christina moved to approve the nomination and Lynn seconded. Motion carried.
  - c. Christina nominated Brian for the position of Treasurer. Lynn moved to approve the nomination and Heidi seconded. Motion carried.
  - d. New officers will assume their roles on July 1.
- V. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Membership dues for the year are \$525 short of projections. In order to increase membership, Heidi and Lynn formed a Membership Development subcommittee.
  - b. The council discussed ways to encourage organizations to become members, such as increasing non-member registration fees for SLRLN events. There was also a suggestion to promote benefits other than Infopass, particularly to institutions who may not be interested in that program.
  - c. Lynn indicated that she is still waiting on the catering bill for Spring Speakers Series. It should be included on next month's statement.
  - d. Heidi moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Michael seconded. Motion carried.

## VI. Between Meetings

### a. Spring Speakers Series

- i. There were a total of 45 attendees and 50 registrations.
- ii. Overall, the event went very well, but there was some dissatisfaction with the catering.
- iii. Heidi will look into signage options to use at future events, making it easier for attendees to locate the event space.
- iv. Speaker Virginia Millington provided us with a number of her business cards.

### b. Vendor Co-op

- i. Megan has been contacted by vendors who would like to be included in SLRLN's co-op purchase program, and she has added them accordingly. The council thanked Megan for expanding the selection of co-op vendors.
- ii. Christina spoke to a representative from Rainbow Publishing who expressed enthusiasm for their involvement in the vendor co-op program.

## VII. NetNews

- a. Heidi is currently working on the next edition of NetNews, with Lynn editing. The next edition will include an overview of the Summer Workshop, as well as a wrap-up of Spring Speakers Series. She plans to publish the newsletter the week of May 11.

## VIII. Summer Workshop 2015

- a. The Summer Workshop on Disaster Planning will be held on June 23, 2015. This is a full-day event. The event was initially going to be held at Washington University's West Campus, but due to parking concerns, will now be held at Webster University.
- b. The presenter will be Sara Holmes, Supervisory Preservation Specialist for NARA. She is not charging a speaking fee.
- c. Michael and Heidi will explore boxed lunch options.

## IX. Fall Workshop 2015

- a. This 90-minute workshop on free legal and free government resources will be co-hosted by SLA and held at SLU Law Library. SLA wants to keep the event free,

so there will not be any registration fee for attendees. However, space is limited to 30 people.

- b. The event subcommittee consists of Heidi, Kelly, and Tori, who have been in touch with Cori Dugas with SLA.
- c. The council will provide water for the event, supplying bottled water left over from the Tech Expo. The subcommittee will contact SLA to discuss having a vendor sponsor the event and pay for light refreshments if we provide beverages.

#### X. Tech Expo

- a. The council discussed moving the event to mid-March, during Logan's spring break. If class is not in session, we would be able to hold additional presentations in classrooms. Another option for offering additional presentations would be to add an additional afternoon session. Moving the event from February to March would also decrease the risk of inclement weather.
- b. There was concern that moving the Expo to mid-March would coincide with other schools' spring breaks, possibly leading to decreased attendance. Kelly will research the dates of other schools' 2016 spring breaks.

#### XI. Spring Speaker Series

- a. Christina suggested holding a luncheon next year instead of a dinner. The council agreed that holding the event during the day may lead to increased attendance, since it may be difficult for some to attend an event outside of normal working hours.
- b. Heidi suggested holding the event at Webster University next year.
- c. Christina suggested that Stephanie Vance may be a good choice for the speaker. Ms. Vance works for ALA, helping librarians develop advocacy skills. Heidi will explore the possibility of inviting Ms. Vance to speak. Utilizing a speaker from the Missouri History Museum will be considered "Plan B," since their presentations lean towards development versus keynote address.

#### XII. Other Business

- a. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5 at Webster University at 1:30 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn – Christina moved to adjourn the meeting and Heidi seconded. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.