

## SAINT LOUIS REGIONAL LIBRARY NETWORK

### MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2013

St. Louis Regional Library Network Council Meeting  
October 8, 2013  
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**In attendance:** Christina Prucha, Lynn Grimshaw Maitz, Michael Boddy, Michelle Schmitt, Cherie LeMay, Sheila Ouellette and Linda Elkow.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 2013 meeting were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's report:** The current balance is \$37,823.55.

The council members volunteered to call the libraries that haven't responded to invoices.

**Management services:** No report.

**Fall Workshop report:** The Fall Workshop cost us \$1200. Christina reported that the workshop was very good – so good she forgot to take pictures. Christina praised both the content and the presenters. The downside to holding it at MLA is that only a few of the librarians who attended were actually from the St. Louis area.

**Tech Expo:** We will hold the Expo on February 26 to accommodate the schedule at Logan. We tweaked the Call for Proposals and Linda and the council members will send it out. Proposals are due December 9, and we will then work as a council to evaluate them (probably using the listserv.) Linda will acknowledge the proposals as they are received. Christina suggested speed networking (the library equivalent of speed dating) as an activity at lunch. We agreed it was a viable option, and Christina will work with the event planner at Logan to work out the details. We will send our first registration information out on December 16. We will put a "Save the Date" post on the website now. The price is tentatively set at \$10 per member (as long as the attendees institution is a member) and \$15 per nonmember. Christina will contact Karen Robinson and ask her to present as a guest speaker (with no competing sessions.) We will offer her an honorarium of a free individual membership if she is willing to present. Other presenters will receive complementary registration.

**Annual Membership Meeting:** Tracy is still working on getting a speaker for the meeting. Cherie suggested that we hand out information (flier with a QR code?) at the Tech Expo. We will brainstorm how to promote this event at our next meeting. We discussed changing the name from the "Annual Membership Meeting" to something more appealing. We will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

**Rebranding update:** Lynn presented us with two proposals for rebranding. She will distribute them electronically for our consideration and we will discuss them at the next meeting.

**Membership discussion:** Central questions: What is the value of membership? What do we want to accomplish? We discussed refocusing our energy from the directory and InfoPass. Could our goal be to partner with other groups to help energize the St. Louis library community or to disseminate information about St. Louis library happenings? We decided to make a wish list of end products, then design, and then reach out to other groups.

We discussed the fields to put into the membership directory. Amigos will create this document (PDF – password protected) for us at no charge. We refined the fields that we want to include, and Linda will put the document together.

Fee Structure – We discussed the fee structure. We will hold this discussion for the next meeting.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

1. Renaming Annual Membership Meeting
2. Marketing Ideas
3. Answering the question, “What do we want to accomplish?”
4. Discuss groups that we know that affect our stakeholders. (Bring a list!)
5. Fee Structure

Next meeting – Tentatively November 13 @ SLCC Forest Park 1:30

Michelle Schmitt