

## SAINT LOUIS REGIONAL LIBRARY NETWORK

### MINUTES NOVEMBER 29, 2011

St. Louis Regional Library Network Meeting  
November 29, 2011  
MLNC Offices, Ballwin, MO 1:30 P.M.

In attendance: Cherie LeMay, Barb Edwards, Tom Cooper, Betty Murr, Keith Gaertner, Beth Wakely, and Michelle Schmitt.

- The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.
- The minutes of the September 15 meeting were approved as read.  
Motion: Beth Wakely                      Second: Betty Murr  
Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report - The report was presented by Tom Cooper.  
Current Assets \$43,270.40  
Current Income -\$130.20 Three members dropped membership, which accounts for the negative income.  
Current Expenses \$330.11

MOTION – I move that MLNC gather bids for an accounting review.  
Motion: Beth Wakely                      Second: Betty Murr  
Motion carried

Coop Purchasing Manual – Manual will be done by end of December. Tracy recommends that we password protect it as a PDF on the website so only members have access. Tracy is still waiting to hear back from a few vendors.

MOTION – I move that we proceed in the direction that Tracy is taking with the Coop Purchasing Manual and password protection.  
Motion: Betty Murr                      Second: Barb Edwards  
Motion Carried

Directory Task Force Update - The committee was working on it, but took a hiatus. Work will resume soon, with Tom at the helm. We will move in the direction of including all libraries – members and non-members.

We discussed creating an infopass directory with libraries' restrictions and guidelines for use.

Bylaws Task Force Update – We reviewed the changes to the bylaws. Jim and Tom made suggestions on how to proceed, trying to simplify the process. The task force will continue to work on the project.

The task forces will decide on individual meeting times.

Events – We talked about the lack of registrants for the fall workshop. Tom suggested that we need to promote ourselves. Cherie challenged us to come up with three ways to reach our fellow libraries as we promote our events.

We discussed surveying our membership via Survey Monkey or paper survey and providing an incentive (prize) drawing for returning the survey. Cherie will check with Chabha about questions that have already been written.

We suggested postponing the event until the fall and really promoting it. Barb suggested making it a full day event. We will keep thinking about it.

TechExpo – In the past couple of years Barb has hosted. Bernyce ordered the lunch and arranged some speakers. TechExpo will be March 21. Betty will be hosting at the Spencer Road Branch. Betty talked about the facilities; they will accommodate any configuration we want. Betty talked about focusing on tablets, eBooks, downloadable music, federated searching and the electronic future of libraries. Last year there were 3 sessions (2am, 1pm) and at least two choices each time. Betty would like to have a schedule if anyone has one. Tom recommended having a panel discussion. Betty suggested having vendors participate (possibly Overdrive, EBSCO with NetLibrary.) Betty would like to have an eBook petting zoo (where you can see Kindle, Nook, etc.) The building will have wireless access.

Cherie suggested that the Network look into a discount with Overdrive.

Betty will contact Overdrive and see what we can get.

Beth will email the state librarian in Kansas regarding presenting on her conflict with Overdrive.

By Feb 1, we should be ready to do a mailing.

Spring Meeting – Cherie will call Assumption about booking the event early in May.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10 @ 1:30 at MLNC (if it is available.) If the meeting cannot take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> for any reason, the alternate date is January 17.

Michelle Schmitt