

SAINT LOUIS REGIONAL LIBRARY NETWORK

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SLRLN Annual Business Meeting and Dinner

Thursday May 10, 2012

5:30 – 8:00

Spencer Road Library, St. Charles City County Library District

Attendees:

Baker, Shirley -Washington University
Boddy, Michael -Eden Theological Seminary
Buescher-Milligan, Kathleen -Brookes Bible Institute
Byerly, Tracy - MLNC
Cooper, Tom - Webster Groves Public Library
Duree, Karen - Jefferson County Library
Edwards, Barbara - Ranken Technical College
Elkow, Linda - MLNC
Gaertner, Keith - MLNC
Gordon, Jill - St. Louis Zoo Library
Helbling, Becky - t. Louis Community College
Helbling, Kristin - Washington University
Hocine Tepe, Chabha - Logan College of Chiropractic
Jaycox, Emily - Missouri History Museum
Knittel, Donna - CBC High School Library
LeMay, Cherie - Villa Duschene
McCarthy, Meredith - Jefferson County Library
McCaslin, Sharon - Fontbonne University
Meehan, Amanda - Norte Dame High School
Murr, Betty - St. Charles City County Lib Dist
Pakala, Denise - Covenant Theological Seminary
Pakala, Jim - Covenant Theological Seminary
Prucha, Christina - Logan College of Chiropractic
Ridlen , Peggy - Fontbonne University
Schaffer, Marysue - Washinton U Medical
Stancliff, Eric - Concordia Seminary
Theissen, Jane - Fontbonne University
Turland, Christine J. - Cardinal Ritter College Prep HS
Wakely, Beth - DeSmet Jesuit High School
Ziegler, Sharon - Duchesne High School

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. President Chabha Tepe welcomed everyone and discussed the changes in management at SLRLN. The council has laid out the framework of the changes beginning with the mission of the organization. Some changes to the structure of the organization have been made and task forces on the bylaws and the website have begun their work. We want to build on our strengths and work on our weaknesses. St. Louis does have the benefit of having its own local library organization for the area and the council wants to know how SLRLN can improve its services to the library community and make the organization more energetic and dynamic.

The council members were introduced and thanked for their service. Chabha introduced the three new members who were on the ballot: Michael Boddy, Christina Prucha and Eric Stancliff. Each of them gave a short bio. Both Christina and Eric are new to St. Louis. Christina is from Logan College and Michael is from Eden Theological Seminary. Eric is working at Concordia Seminary. The election was then held and the votes were collected.

Tom Cooper gave the budget report and went over specific line items for the FY2013 Budget. He mentioned that the organization has added insurance this year for the officers of the council and the reasons why this was necessary. He discussed how the money paid to MLNC for management services is allocated. The council feels the budget is appropriate for the organization.

Beth made a motion to accept the budget, Chabha seconded it. A question was raised about deficit spending for the present fiscal year and the response by the council was that it was necessary to generate some excitement for the organization, but that it would generally be a priority to have a balanced budget. The reserve was mentioned. The motion was unanimously carried.

Cherie LeMay introduced the changes in the bylaws. These were passed out and discussed. The council wants to open membership to include retired persons and other individuals such as students. The goal is to expand the member base, however, these individuals won't be able to vote. Also, some changes have been made to council membership so that it is not specific as to library type, but still remains a diverse body.

Cherie made a motion to adjourn at 6:32. Kathleen Buescher-Mulligan seconded. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned for dinner. At 7 p.m. guest speaker, Shirley Baker, Vice Chancellor for Scholarly Information and Dean of University Libraries, Washington University spoke on the topic, "Stories from a life of taking charge"