Metropolitan Library Service Agency

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2014
MCIT Building
11:00 am – 12:00 am

Members Present:

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<th>Anoka:</th>
<th>Marlene Moulton Janssen</th>
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<td>Carver:</td>
<td>Heidi Hoks</td>
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<td>Dakota:</td>
<td>Ken Behringer</td>
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<td>Hennepin:</td>
<td>Lois Thompson</td>
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Staff Present: Chris Olson, and Judy Todd

Others Present: Peter Pearson, President of Saint Paul Friends of the Library

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Behringer called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

Olson asked the Advisory Board what needs might be addressed with a MELSA staff person. Ray Kennedy of Dakota County should have his Office Manager restructure suggestions on paper and Olson will share this with the Board. This topic will be placed on the October agenda.

II. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Meeting Minutes (August 11, 2014)
Motion by Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Nemitz. Motion carried.

III. OPEN DISCUSSION
A. Minnesota Book Awards
(Discussion with Peter Pearson, President of Saint Paul Friends of the Library)
The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library took over running the Minnesota Book Awards from the Minnesota Humanities Commission about eight years ago. The Friends was chosen because of their excellent fund raising and author programming. The event will again be hosted at the Union Depot on April 18, 2015. For the last two years, 3M has been the Presenting Sponsor. 3M would like to host a pre-reception for librarians. The Advisory Board and Peter Pearson discussed how the library staff could attend within the legal boundaries set by each county.

Two options were agreed upon:
- Everyone receives an invitation to the 3M Library Reception for Librarians. All are welcome even if they are not librarians and no fee is charged.
- A price is charged that says 3M Library Reception for Librarians - $5 Optional Donation.

There must be a charge on all alcohol served.
B. Other
None.

IV. OTHER
A. Meetings
The Advisory Board and Olson shared some frustration about the current structure of meetings. Do Monday meetings still work? Would Friday mornings work better? Does the Board need more time? The hour before the Trustee Board meeting doesn’t seem to be enough time. They suggested 1 ½ hours for a meeting and 1 ½ hours for general library discussion. Todd will send a Doodle Poll. The Advisory Board would like the Teams/Interest Groups to attend during the course of the year to report on current direction.

V. NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS: Monday, October 6 / Valerie Gross Presentation, 2 pm.
What time do you want to start meeting?
It was agreed the Advisory Board will start their meeting at 2:00 and continue with the agenda until Ms. Gross joins the group.

VI. REPORTS
A. STAFF, TEAM AND MELSA GROUP UPDATES
Conley would like to see more discussion regarding the team minutes at the end of the meetings. She attended the Promotions Team meeting where they’re discussing a 3M promotion #2 and Winter Jackets. The social media group gathered after that meeting to discuss training on the topic.

The smARTpass Program is progressing and Olson expects everything to be ready for a September 2015 rollout.

Behringer reported the State Library held two meetings. The first meeting was about changing the achievement gap and early literacy. The second meeting centered around e-books and state opportunities.

Progress is being made on the MnLINK RFP and will come out under the Purchasing Department of the University of Minnesota. Behringer said the take of the group working on this project is that the primary value of the MnLINK Gateway should remain more aligned with its historic interlibrary loan functionality than with becoming a more powerful discovery tool able to present items not accessible by ILL.

V. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.