Metropolitan Library Service Agency
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 14th, 2017
R.H. Stafford Library
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Members Present:
Anoka: Jackie Kramer
Carver: Heidi Hoks
Dakota: Margaret Stone
Hennepin: Lois Thompson
Ramsey: Jill Boldenow
Saint Paul: Jake Grussing
Scott: Jake Grussing
Hennepin: Keith Ryskoski

Staff Present: Mona Scott, Kathleen James, Kate Brown and Ken Behringer

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Grussing called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

II. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Meeting Minutes (June 9, 2017).
Motion by Grussing to move Reports to the top of the agenda. Hoks seconded. Motion carried.
Motion by Hoks to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Boldenow. Motion carried.

III. REPORTS
A. Executive Director Report
Behringer asked the Advisory Board if they had any reservations with the current MELSA-only BiblioLabs contract moving to a statewide contract with the Council of Regional Public Libraries (CRPLSA) Behringer will be meeting with the members of CRPLSA and confirm the interest of the other eleven systems. The Advisory Board members voiced their approval.

At this time, Advisory Board members are not interested in pursuing any statewide Legacy programs.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
A. Status Update on Bibliocommons
Behringer recently reached out to Bibliocommons for more current functionality and development considerations since February. He presented those results and 2017 pricing to the Directors. The topic will be revisited at the September Advisory Board meeting.
B. Assistive Technology Task Force Report
Scott presented the work of the Assistive Technology Task Force done to date. After meeting several times in 2017 and gathering information; the task force has proposed creating a resources website to address staff disability training.

The Directors supported the recommended next steps and agreed that the task force was following the original charge of the Board.

C. Read & Ride Day at the State Fair
The Directors agreed that they would like to weigh in on the question asked by Storymobile staff at the Minnesota State Fair. James will ask for input from member library MELSA team members and bring back suggestions/possibilities to the August 11th Advisory Board meeting.

The Directors had no suggestions or comments regarding the 2016 Read and Ride Day Evaluation Process.

D. Next Steps Options for Consideration of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Discussions
After discussing the three options proposed as next steps, Behringer, Eastwood, Grussing and Thompson recommended Option One. As a starting point, the Directors agreed to bring the current work being done at each library system and county levels to the August Advisory Board meeting. At that meeting the Directors will bring wish lists or topics of exploration.

E. Other
Behringer handed out a spreadsheet of July 2017 Bibliotheca-suggested purchases for the MELSA Cloud Library collection. Behringer noted that the recent decision to buy fewer copies of more titles was having an impact on holds queues – and, more importantly, on suggested titles for subsequent months. About one-third of the value of the proposed July Bibliotheca recommended purchase list was for additional copies of already held content. Not all libraries were contributing to the aggregate collection on an equal basis by buying additional copies to address local demand. This trend could change the breadth of the collection over time. It was agreed that further discussion was needed.

V. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn by Thompson.
Second by Stone.
Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:45AM