

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
January 19, 2017 – Cheyenne, WY

Present:

Sid Stanfill, Katrina Brown, Karen Kitchens, Steve Boss, Elizabeth Thorson, Jamie Markus, Darcy Accord, Cameron Duff, Rebecca Shuh, Susan Stubson, Jason Grubb and Laura Grott.

Sid Stanfill called the meeting to order @ 11:40 a.m.

A quorum was determined.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 2016, conference call. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sid Stanfill thanked everyone for their efforts in 2016 and getting through the conference situation and for agreeing to stay on the Board. He also talked about the hiring of the lobbyist and feels WLA is in excellent hands with Susan Stubson and Mary Lynn Shickich.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BUDGET DISCUSSION

Laura Grott gave the treasurer's report and financial summary, stating that despite the fact we didn't have a conference, we are only down about \$18,000 from 2015, which is what we typically make on a conference. She reviewed budget figures for 2016/2017, but suggested we figure out our conference to better determine the budget for 2017. The Board will discuss the budget later, which would include figures for 2017 conference.

LEGISLATIVE INTRODUCTION

Sid Stanfill introduced Susan Stubson, who is the new WLA Lobbyist, along with Mary Lynn Shichich. Susan said she was happy to be with everyone and looks forward to learning more. S

MPLA

Steve Boss gave the MPLA report. The MPLA meeting with Nevada is, October 16th in Lake Tahoe. He discussed the personal grants that were offered and indicated you had to be a member of MPLA to receive one. MPLA is very interested in the conference WLA did in 2016 as they'd like to consider that option at some point as well. On a sad note, Steve discussed the passing of Dan Chaney who passed away at the age of 52. He was the webmaster for MPLA for many years.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT

Jamie Markus submitted a report.

MEMBERCLICKS

Laura Grott told the Board that the fee for MemberClicks was going up \$15 per month and that after 3 years of using the software program, it may be good to review it. Steve, Laura and Rebecca will discuss and make a recommendation to the Board.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Cameron Duff is the new Legislative Chair, who replaces Lori Phillips. There is a Legislative Committee meeting on Friday. They will discuss this session and into the future. Weekly updates will be sent. For all matters concerning legislation, they should go through Cameron, not Susan Stubson.

WLLI

Chris Van Burgh discussed that she would like to find a replacement for her position on Executive Board. Sid Stanfill said he can appoint someone but would like to have some names. Chris was going to try to put together a group of grads at the reception and discuss someone taking her place. She said she's really enjoyed it and is passionate about it, but it's time for a new leader. There was also discussion about needing a clearer plan and strategy for the leadership committee.

INTEREST GROUP LEADER

Karen Kitchens also indicated she needs a replacement for the interest group leader on Ex. Board.

BOOK AWARDS

Richard Landreth sent in a report.

YOUTH GROUP – Darcy Acord

Discussed meeting on April 29th and had 25 people attend. She indicated that education and professional development is the goal of the group. She did indicate that not everyone was on the e-list. Rebecca said they had to sign up for it, that it wasn't automatic. Darcy indicated she too is looking for a leader for this strong interest group.

2016 CONFERENCE

Chris Van Burgh and Karen Kitchens discussed the 2016 conference. The turnaround was only six weeks to pull it together. It was a great experience and a learning curve. Cary Dunlap designed the logo and it was intended to look like "conference" not a virtual conference. The on-site facilities were exceptional and worked very well. The conference overall was a great way to keep vendors and members engaged. They indicated there was tremendous support from the State Library and felt that there could have been more engagement and support from WLA Ex. Board. Perhaps because of the change of venue and short turnover time, the Ex. Board wasn't sure what their role was. It was a learning curve for all. Moving forward, everything will springboard from this experience. It's a viable option for the future. Perhaps doing things regionally would be a good idea.

2017 CONFERENCE

The Ex. Board felt doing an in-person conference was necessary in 2017. Laura Grott and Katrina Brown discussed Sheridan College as a viable option. The Board discussed these options:

August 11

- Registration in vendor area – 10 to noon
- Kick-off luncheon with keynote address followed by Association meeting
- Sessions in afternoon
- Awards reception 4:30 – 5:30 – Casual – open to all
- Dinner on your own

August 12

- Breakfast with vendors
- Morning sessions
- Short vendor break
- Lunch buffet – two separate presentations for lunch: Children's Author and Legislative Lunch – people can fill their plates and go to whichever one they want.

Laura Grott said she'd send everyone a schedule to get the ball rolling. Sid was going to send out a survey to do a conference call to finalize these ideas within two weeks. The Board feels we need to decide on the date ASAP.

AWARDS

The Board discussed recognizing the awards recipients at the conference during a reception, but the real recognition would come at the local level with the local Directors hosting a luncheon or some type of reception with staff to honor the person selected. The goal would be to have family and make it very memorable for the person being recognized. A Board member from WLA would be there too.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Grott
Ex. Secretary