

SLC Advisory Board of Librarians (ABL)
Tuesday, December 5th, 2023
1:00 pm CST / 2:00 pm EST

MINUTES

Attending – Katrina Linde-Moriarty (Chair), Portage Lake District Library; Megan Buck (Secretary), Dickinson County Library; Blair Nelson, Spies Public Library; Lisa Waskin, Superior District Library; Sharon Crotser-Toy, St. Ignace Public Library; Andrea Ingmire, Peter White Public Library; Pam Malmsten, Superiorland Library Cooperative; Dillon Geshel, Superiorland Library Cooperative; Mary Hook, Manistique School Public Library.

Katrina called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. Introductions were made.

Megan B made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6th meeting, second by Blair N. Motion carried.

No presentation, but ideas for future meetings were shared including Matt Hamilton with MLC (or the future WNMU representative), or someone from MCLS to share about TALK.

Committee reports were made:

Digital Collections – Committee has not met since August but did review new OverDrive billing model and continued with Kanopy and Hoopla subsidies.

Programming – The committee has been communicating via email and will continue to work together plan summer reading tours/ ways to subsidize programs for summer. Presenters in mind for 2024 – Jennifer Straus (storyteller), MI Science Center (instead of Ann Arbor Hands-on Science), Nick Thomas (juggling), The Allens (family magic show), and authors (Angie Jackson – mixologist and Bonnie Jo Campbell (new book out in January) – both authors were at MLA this year). The committee will focus on grant money for summer reading and there may be additional monies through MI Humanities grants. Cameron Zvara is an option for 2025 – he will not be touring the UP in 2024 but hopes to come every other year.

Professional Development – Committee continues to work on an annual event with MLA and may look to add Northland Library cooperative as a partner and hold on the east of the UP. This year, the event may be replaced with an event hosted in Marquette with John Chrastka of EveryLibrary. Leslie Warren is coordinating this event with a potential April date. It may be 2025 for the MLA/Northland partnership. Also discussing an event on the west end of the UP in May with a focus on circulation/technology. And, the youth services focus will continue to be planned for November in Dickinson County. Laura Warren-Gross will also be in the UP in February and several libraries are hosting staff training with openings for others to attend – Feb 19th at Dickinson, Feb 20th at Portage Lake, and Feb 21st at Pickford. Dillon is also planning to have a session in all three locations and additional opportunities may be available at each location – watch for future details!

UPRLC Planning Committee – Annual Conference 2024 will be held in Escanaba with 1 ½ days hosted at Bay College and a reception at the Escanaba Public Library. The theme is going to be future based, with more details to come. Committees have been established and keynotes are being researched. Next meeting for the committee will be in January – reach out to Lisa W if you want to join the planning fun!

Old Business – Vice Chair Blair Nelson volunteered and was nominated by Megan B, second by Lisa W – motion carried, and Blair will serve as Vice Chair.

SLC Board Meeting – December 13th Agenda Items

Minutes from the first organization meeting and the regular October meeting.

Financials – proposed budget adjustments: an increase of \$500 to Professional Development to help offset costs for upcoming training opportunities, increase to professional/contractual for attorney fees, increase for re-billed expenses.

SLC – COVID Workplace Preparedness Plan – SLC will ask board to archive their COVID plan - SDL, PWPL, DLC, PLDL have all done something similar. SLC may look at having an Emergency Response Policy in the future – PWPL has one (https://pwpl.info/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/GOV-8-Emergency-Response-Policy-5_2023.pdf) DCL has a Pandemic Policy not specific to COVID.

Administrative Policies (currently being reviewed by Anne Seurnyck) hope to have ready to be presented to the SLC Board for approval.

New Business – UPRLC Conference Program Ideas – Lisa W led a discussion on ideas for the UPRLC Annual Conference. Program/sessions of interest included: Cataloging, Sirsi, Book Repair (with hands-on stations and techniques, tips for hard vs soft cover, etc.), Demo of technology/gadgets/etc., Office 365, Canva, Excel/Office Products, Teams/Slack/Digital Schedule (Google Calendar), Streaming/recording library programs with professional look, AI and Libraries (Chuck Wallace/MTU?), Micheal Wilson (Outlook training – more to come on this from Dillon)

Idea of having a lightning round/intro session/sampler/best of to expose all on the ½ day and then individual breakout sessions on products/details/how-tos on the full day was discussed as part of a Technology Track. Idea to have panel and then have panel members help attendees with specifics in small groups was discussed (ex – Canva – have panel members do short presentation, then break attendees into groups to do something like a poster/etc and have a panel member take each group and walk them through it.) Bay has a computer lab room we might be able to use for something hands-on like this.

Conference call for proposals may identify a technology track with needs for certain products.

Communication/Collaboration – If anyone has a guide or list of expectations for a liaison/relationship with municipality, DCL is looking for ideas. PWPL has a job description type document for townships, and it really helped and was well received. The city of Houghton has something for PLDL, too.

PWPL is hosting Community Conversations on misinformation in February – lots of great things to come: Feb 22 – Sue Ellen Christian from Western Michigan University will be virtual to present. Feb 20th an NMU professor will share on AI (not specifically libraries), Feb 27th the League of Woman Voters will have a media panel on the local impact of misinformation. There is a community read of the book, *Julia*, by Sandra Newman. And hope to have Kristin Fontichario speak for staff in the last week of February – more to come on this.

PLDL is in transition with FOTL group – members looking to pass on to the next group and struggles with communication. Suggestions of resources from FOML and United for Libraries were given.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 2:11 PM

Respectfully submitted, Megan Buck - Secretary