

MSLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 13, 2010

The MSLA Executive Board Meeting was called to order by Gerri Fegan at 4:10 pm as a virtual meeting on Chatzy

Attending: Maureen Ambrosino, Leigh Barnes, Vicky Biancolo, Katie Cerasale-Messina, Linda Coviello, Rose DeNucci, Patsy Divver, Valerie Diggs, Gerri Fegan, Linda Friel, Cecily Houston, Sandy Kelly, Linda Kimball, Jan Koleczar, Laura Larsson, Kathy Lowe, Judi Paradis, Ann Perham, Jamie Phillips, Linda Picceri, Char Sidell, Christine Steinhauser, Lynn Weeks

Consent Agenda: Lynn moved that we accept posted online reports and minutes from November 2009 meeting; Valerie seconded; **unanimous vote to accept.**

Linda and Gerri still need to meet to write a letter to write to accountant (see Action Items from November 2009 meeting). Linda has sent 1099 to the accountant.

Region/Committee Updates:

Metrowest Region is planning a storytelling workshop in mid to late March.

Advocacy: Sandy Kelly is attending a national Advocacy meeting at ALA Midwinter in Boston on Sat. Jan. 16. She would like everyone to look over newest contact list to ensure it is accurate. Maureen Ambrosino is going to Frontline Advocacy Initiative workshop with ALA President Camila Alire also on the 16th. Kathy noted that this is at the same time as the AASL advocacy meeting.

Legislative Day is March 9: Judi will contact MLA Legislative Committee members, and Kathy will attend January 29 meeting to stay on top of coordinating things with them. Judi will work with Sandy and Gerri to develop message and talking points for MSLA to deliver that day. Judi said Jackie Rafferty from MLA is working on a photo montage of "day in the life of a library." Christine Steinhauser started something similar for school libraries last year and we need to follow up with where things stand with this effort. Sandy and Laura Larsson will work with her to organize this and get word out to MSLA members to submit more photos. The PR Committee Chairs will get an article to the Forum by January 15 announcing Legislative Day. Judi will also send out a "to do" list describing what tasks and events need to be coordinated so that we can get everything in place for Legislative Day. Western Mass. Regional Library System has chartered bus for the day and WMRLS and CMRLS websites have information about this.

Massachusetts Reading Association (MRA): Gerri asked the board to consider an "in person" meeting on February 10 to reschedule the planned December meeting with MRA. Board members agreed to this. Ann recommended meeting at 4:30 with MRA to give us time to organize. There was preference expressed to hold meeting at Chelmsford HS from several members. Val said CHS could be used.

Nominating Committee: Gerri asked for board members to form a committee to help field nominees for our board/leadership election in April. Sandy, Lynn, Cecily, Linda Coviello, and Linda Friel agreed to serve. **Gerri moved and Sandy seconded that we appoint this nominating committee. It was unanimously approved.**

MTA Workshops: Gerri asked members to submit plans for workshops at MTA Summer Institute in Williamstown held in August 2010. Judi and Katie will work jointly on something for elementary teachers and Gerri will also present something.

Conference Committee Meeting: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first week in February at the Lane School in Bedford. Gerri will get dates that work from Linda Coviello and then email the committee members.

Bookmark Committee is meeting January 28 to judge submissions at the Plympton School in Waltham at 4:00. Gerri asked PR chairs to come to this so they could send out press releases from that event. Ann and Kathy are planning to attend as well.

MLA Leadership Group: Kathy asked if we wanted to continue to participate in the MLA Leadership Group. It requires an annual \$1000 fee to belong to the committee, which is supposed to lobby for all libraries. Many members expressed concern that school libraries are not well represented by this group. We agreed that Gerri should talk to the MLA president about our concerns before we commit to this again.

Meeting was adjourned on Friday, January 15.

Submitted by Judi Paradis, Secretary