

VSLA Board Meeting Minutes (corrected)
September 11, 2008 - 4:00 PM
Montpelier High School

Attending: Anna Bolognani (phone), Pam Burke (phone), Jean Fournier, Anne Gallivan, Sara Goldstein, Dan Greene, Susan Hennessey, Karen Hennig, Cheryl Kissel, Dollinda Lund, Marsha Middleton, Merlyn Miller, Sue Monmaney. Special guest Martha Reid, State Librarian.

Sue called the meeting to order at 4:15. Sue welcomed guest Martha Reid and new board members Susan Hennessey and Sara Goldstein.

- I. Minutes. Sue moved to accept the minutes from the June 23 meeting. Merlyn seconded the motion, and it passed.
- II. Treasurer's Report. Marsha moved to accept the report, Jean seconded the motion, and it passed. (Report attached)

III. Regional Reports.

Central. Cheryl and Susan. No report. First meeting will be after Materials Review in Northfield October 29.

Northeast. Bonnie. No report, but it was noted that Bonnie will have a co-chair this year.

Northwest I. Peter. No report.

Northwest II. Kelly. No report.

Southeast. Anna. No report.

Southwest. Anne. No report

IV. Fall Conference Report. Cheryl and Dan.

Dan reported that the conference will be on Thursday, October 23, at U32, and that plans were beginning to take shape. Suggestions are still welcome, and presenters are still needed. Some of the presenters already lined up are Susan Hennessey - Web 2.0, Pam Burke - blogs, Michael Roche - copyright, and Susan Ballard - advocating library programs.

The conference will be advertised on the listserv, in the VSLA newsletter, on the website, and on the IT listserv. The committee is keeping the fee low (\$10 for VSLA members, and \$20 for others) so all can come. A thumb drive will be given to all attendees.

Where is the conference for 2009? A written list is needed to keep track.

V. VLC Conference. Sue and Sara.

There are concerns about continuing to plan and coordinate the conference in the same manner as previous years. Past and current presidents of VLA and VSLA, the VLC treasurer, and conference co-chairs have met at length to discuss ways to increase member attendance and plan the event more effectively. This may entail hiring a professional event management firm and offering stipends to the co-chairs, co-chairs in training, treasurer, and vendor coordinator. The co-chairs will review previous years'

conference budgets as well as the costs for services provided by professional event planners, and they will provide the board with an estimated budget for the conference, including the cost for a professional event planner. The VLA and VSLA presidents will then present their boards with proposed stipends for conference officers, with the goal of keeping total event planning costs to roughly \$20,000.

[At this point the board went into Executive Session.]

We need to move forward and agree to a contract with the Sheraton. Dan made the motion that we authorize the signing of a contract with the Sheraton as long as the amount of the deposit required is the same or at a reasonable increase from last year. Cheryl seconded the motion, and it passed.

The information about the conference will be put on the listserv and in the newsletter early on, and it will be mentioned often throughout the year to build excitement about the conference.

The date for the conference this year is May 12-13 (Tuesday and Wednesday).

VI. Intellectual Freedom. Christine. No report.

[Christine is still looking for someone to help with copyright and confidentiality brochures.]

VII. Legislative Concerns. Dan. No report.

VIII. Membership. Karen reported that memberships continue to come in. There are new members, and some are taking advantage of the free dues offered to new librarians. Some members have signed up for membership in NESLA also.

IX. NESLA/AASL. Merlyn. (See report). NESLA hasn't met since the last meeting. There will be a new website up on October 4: neschoolibraries.org. The leadership conference will move out of Boston and be held some place in southern New Hampshire. There is a possibility of having boards from all six states go on a retreat or possibly attend a leadership conference together. AASL has a site: aaslregion1.pbwiki.com. Merlyn shared brochures for several conference, institutes, and library programs available. The winter conference is in Denver. Merlyn will not be going – is anyone else interested?

[Marsha will be going to the School Library Journal Leadership Summit in November in Hollywood, Florida.]

X. Newsletter. Marsha. Deadline for articles is next week. Marsha would like to get the newsletter out by the end of the month.

[Marsha is still looking for someone to take over some of the newsletter responsibilities.]

- XI. Professional Concerns. Dan. Leda's position is still on hold. Until there is a new fulltime commissioner, things will not change.
- XII. Technology. Shannon. No report.
- XIII. Webmaster. Pam. The DCF website blog is getting a lot of postings.
- XIV. Reimbursement for Mileage to Board Meetings. Jean made the motion and Ann seconded that board members will be compensated for their mileage at the following rate: 40-100 miles - \$25, greater than 100 miles - \$50. Members should submit their requests twice each year. Sue noted that we need to encourage other ways of attending meetings, i.e. conference calls
- XV. New VSLA Brochure. We will not create a new VSLA brochure at this time.
- XVI. New VSLA Banner. Sue said she doesn't have a quote yet. We could have a banner that gets tacked on the front of the table or the wall. Another choice is something that drapes front to back and also serves as a table cover.
- XVII. VSLA Award. Pam. We looked at the criteria agreed upon at the June meeting. Pam will put it on the listserve.
- XVIII. Holiday and Summer Reading Lists. Shannon. No report.
- XIX. Curriculum Document. No one has come forward to chair a committee for this task. It was noted that it is important to encourage new people to get involved.
- XX. "The Evidence-Based Manifesto" To-Do List for Associations. Tabled until the next meeting.

Jean made the motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM. Anne seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: November 20, in White River Junction. Sue will look into finding a place where there is Skype access.

Respectfully submitted,

Dollinda Lund, Secretary