

SWING

Membership Meeting

Roanoke County Public Library, Roanoke

19 November 2004

The SWING membership met Friday, 19 November 2004 at the Roanoke County Public Library in Roanoke at 10 am.

Attending

Matt Peltier, King College, Diana Rosapepe, Roanoke County PL, Robert Elder, Russell County PL, Janet Kirby, Emory & Henry, Carol Glosch, Salem PL, Nancy Collins, Salem PL, Darlene Smithwick, Roanoke County PL, Jay Stephens, Danville PL, Emilee Anderson, Montgomery-Floyd RL, Cathy Proti, Montgomery-Floyd RL, Vicki Reedy, Montgomery-Floyd RL, Brenda Collins, Carroll County Public Schools, Jane Burnette, CRMH Health Sciences Library, Roy Monk, Wythe County Public Schools, Jackie Barton, Campbell County PL, Laura Bryant, Galax-Carroll RL, Steve Vest, Botetourt County PL, Naydine Shenk, New River Community College, Dot Ogburn, Pulaski County PL, Marsha Hertel, Montgomery Floyd RL, Janis Augustine, Salem PL, Chrissie Peters, Northeast State Community College, Michael Gilley, Wythe-Grayson RL, Karen Pifher, Bridgewater College, Goldora Carico, Lonesome Pine RL, Maggie Shanley, Radford PL, Marino Rancier, Roanoke County PL, Kendra Morgan, Library of Virginia, Laurie Roberts, Tazewell County PL.

Program

Kendra Morgan, technology consultant in the Library Development and Networking Division of the Library of Virginia, presented an excellent program on trends in technology. She discussed the pros and cons of RFID, federated/broadcast/meta searching, OpenURL and link resolving, WiFi, thin clients, online services including weblogs, electronic reference, online book clubs, e-books, e-audiobooks, and wikis, devices including CD/RW, iPods, and USB storage devices, technology planning, and collaborative efforts such as consortia purchasing.

Following a lunch break, Matt called the business meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

The minutes of the fall meeting were approved as distributed.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as prepared, indicating an ending balance of \$26,041.13. Janet noted that SWING's financial health has swung in a positive direction. She reported 96 current paid members, including 11 new members, most of which are from the disbanded eastern Virginia consortium. Reasons for failure to renew by others are unclear.

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee

Steve Vest reported that the Scholarship Committee had awarded a \$500 scholarship to Laura Blevins, an outstanding candidate from Bluefield College. He encouraged others

interested to apply. The application form is on the website. With the current cap of \$1000 per person, applicants may apply twice for \$500 scholarships.

Children's Librarians

Maggie Shanley reported that the next youth group meeting will be 28 January at the Bluefield Branch of Tazewell County Public Library. This will be the annual Performer Showcase featuring possible presenters for summer reading activities.

Legislative Report

Janis Augustine reported on legislative issues. The VLA Legislative Agenda includes returning to full funding of state aid to public libraries. Public libraries currently receive \$16 million but are eligible for \$23 million. The request this year is for an additional \$1.75 million. An additional \$1 million is needed to enhance Find It VA to expand school access to databases. Federal funding, which provides Find It VA currently, is unreliable and state funding is needed to insure stability of this valuable resource. VLA supports locally developed Internet use policies already in place. It is likely that legislation similar to CIPA at the federal level will be proposed, tying receipt of state aid to filtering. VLA supports the Library of Virginia Board position on certification, which is based on the MLS degree and a continuing education requirement. The MLS degree is not required for those libraries serving populations of less than 13,000. No changes to the state aid formula are sought until the LVA study is completed. VLA also supports VIVA, VEMA, and VALL interests. Library supporters will visit legislators at home before they return to Richmond in January to allow more time to present our case directly to the legislators. Visits will not be conducted in Richmond during Legislative Day.

Continuing Education

Matt noted the excellent program on internal customer service presented last week. He asked members to send ideas for future programs or offers to host future meetings to Kelly McBride.

Website

Matt is populating the new website, moving information from the old to new location.

Contracts

Beth Horn had sent a report. Contracts information is on the website. She needs volunteers to help with developing contracts for electronic databases.

Unfinished Business

The business manager position will be advertised soon.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements

The Executive Board will meet Friday, 11 February at Wytheville Community College. The SWING spring meeting will be held 15 April in the New River Valley area. Matt thanked Diana, Dot, and Laurie for arrangements for today's meeting.

There being no further business before the membership, the meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Laurie S. Roberts, Secretary