

SWING
Spring General Meeting
April 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by President Kelly McBride.

Minutes: David Hayes moved that the minutes of the Fall meeting be accepted and James Verdini seconded the motion. It passed and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Hatfield stated that there is a balance of \$2313 in the checking account and the CD has a current value of \$34,119.36 and the consortium is in good financial health. There are two issues: the Children's group needs to let the Board know how much they intend to spend this year; and since the Fall VLA meeting will be in Williamsburg, the consortium will not need to spend all \$1000 in the budget for refreshments for the Fall meeting. Steve Vest moved that we accept the treasurer's report and Lorraine Abraham seconded. The motion passed and the report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Continuing Education: David Hayes reported that his two year term as committee chair is up in July. Dot Ogburn will take over as chair for next year and she will be joined by Julie Roberson. After Dot's year is up, Julie will become the chair of the Continuing Education committee.

Contracts: Kelly McBride reported that Carolea Newsome is now the Contracts Administrator for SWING. Library materials contracts are up for renewal in 2009. We will be sending out surveys in preparation for creating a new RFP for it. Please be sure to complete the survey when it is emailed to give Carolea the information she needs about library materials. The RFP is due on December 1st, but she expects to have it ready before then.

Pat Hatfield reported that she is concerned that Baker & Taylor is not properly applying the appropriate SWING contract discount to our orders. She asked for volunteers to investigate Baker & Taylor pricing at various libraries. Kelly McBride volunteered to review invoices at Russell County Public Library.

Kelly McBride reported that Carolea was contacted by someone from the Virginia Department of General Services (DGS) who inquired whether or not SWING is a "public body" and what that means in terms of government agencies such as the Bureau of Prisons joining SWING and participating in the contracts. It was decided by the Board that we would seek the legal advice of an attorney to answer this question. Kelly will contact some attorneys to assist us.

Legislative: No report.

Membership: Business Manager Cathy Hanshew reported that we have 119 members which is an increase of 11 over the previous year. Notices for renewals will be sent out soon.

Nominating: No report, other than that all committee members and Board members up for election are willing to remain another term with the exception of David Hayes who will step down from Continuing Education and Dot Ogburn and Julie Roberson will take over the committee.

Scholarship: Steve Vest reported that one \$500 scholarship will be granted this round to Shelly H. Genosco. The total this year for scholarships was \$1500 for three scholarships. There was some discussion about the mission and intention of SWING scholarships regarding doctoral and continuing education applicants. It was pointed out that the By-laws are already approved which make doctoral and continuing education applications acceptable. The scholarship committee will continue to judge each application for scholarships individually since there have not been very many applications. Steve Vest stated that Michael Gilley had created new scholarship forms and he passed out copies of them to the membership. He asked that we consider increasing the budget for scholarships to \$3000. That suggestion will be deferred until we have a balanced budget to present to the membership.

Website: Jody Hanshew requested that people send any information to be posted to him. Kelly McBride reminded everyone that Board meeting minutes are posted quickly on the website but are not “official” until accepted at the next general meeting of the consortium.

New Business:

Budget: We have a budget for next year to present but it is not balanced. Ann Fisher moved that we allow the board to balance the budget and approve it for acceptance once it is balanced. Pat Hatfield seconded the motion and the motion carried. The balanced budget will be presented to the Board at their next Executive Board meeting.

Ann Fisher moved that the meeting adjourn and James Verdini seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by President Kelly McBride at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Abraham

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Vice President