

SWING
Executive Board Meeting
Wytheville Public Library
January 11, 2008

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Members present: Lorraine Abraham (Emory & Henry College), Janis Augustine (Salem Public Library), Amy Bond (Lonesome Pine Regional Library), Brenda Collins (Carroll County High School), Michael Gilley (Mountain Empire Community College), Cathy Hanshew, Jody Hanshew (Emory & Henry College), Pat Hatfield (Smyth-Bland Regional Library), David Hayes (Radford University), Kelly McBride (Russell County Public Library), Naydine Shenk (New River Community College), Sandy Smith (New River Community College), Barbara Stepp (Blacksburg High School)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Kelly McBride at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 10, 2007 meeting were approved (motion to approve by Lorraine Abraham, second by Sandy Smith)

Financial Report: Pat Hatfield reported that the checking account has \$4558.72 and that two checks for \$600 would be added to that. The CD balance is \$16,008.10.

Committee Reports

Children's/Young Adult Services: Chair Carlene Poole was not present -- no report.

Continuing Education Programs: Chair David Hayes reported. He is working on setting up a program for the spring meeting. One possibility is to have one featuring a librarian who spent time working for American University in Kabul (Afghanistan).

Contracts: Contracts Administrator Crystal Newell was not present -- no report. (Crystal will be leaving this position and SWING is working on finding a replacement.) Michael Gilley made a motion that Jody be authorized to pay for the job description to be placed on the VLA Jobline. The motion was seconded and approved.

Membership: Cathy Hanshew reported that we have 115 members, including 14 new ones. There was some discussion of ways to attract more new members from the school systems.

Scholarship: Chair Steve Vest was not present, but committee members Michael Gilley and Barbara Stepp reported that they had approved a scholarship for one applicant. Michael told the group a little about the candidate, who was well qualified and did have need. The question came up of whether people can re-apply for the scholarships. They can apply any number of times, but can only receive it two times. Kelly suggested that the Scholarship Committee might want to consider asking that any excess funds from the workshops be used for more scholarships.

Legislative: Chair Janis Augustine reported that the news is depressing for the public libraries. The Governor's budget had no funding for FindIt Virginia and state aid had a 4% cut.

Web Page: Webmaster Jody Hanshew reported that the amended By-Laws are on the page. The membership list has been updated to reflect changes. Minutes from the fall meeting at VLA have been posted (to be approved at the spring meeting).

New Business

There was some discussion of how to promote our website since people still have problems finding it through Google. The SWING acronym does not work, but if you spell it out, it does. The group looked at copies of a two-sided bookmark-type information publication on SWING. Both the SWING address and Cathy's are not current on it, but Jody and Cathy said that they would still work. There were several suggestions for improving it. Lorraine volunteered to work on revising it with help from Jody. It was suggested that the finished product should be put on the website so that people can print it. It could also be distributed at the spring meeting.

The group discussed finding replacements for the people who are going to be finishing their terms on the Board. Since it is an even numbered year, the Members-at-Large representatives from the public library and school system libraries will be coming to the end of their terms. Amy, Barbara, and Brenda all said that they would be agreeable to serving again, so this will be brought up at the spring meeting. David is also nearly finished with his term as Chair of Continuing Education and would like to be replaced. He will work with Michael Gilley (Chair of the Nominating Committee) to find people who might be interested in this position.

No date was set yet for the spring meeting. David is going to contact our proposed speaker to see when he is available before the date is finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Naydine Shenk, Secretary