

**MALiA Executive Board Meeting
Friday, August 7, 2015
Wytheville Public Library**

MINUTES

Members present: Lorraine Abraham (Emory & Henry College), Amanda Bailey (Washington County Public), Paula Alston (Montgomery-Floyd Regional), Jody Hanshew (Emory & Henry College), Janet Kirby (Emory & Henry College), Carolea Newsome (University of Virginia at Wise), Courtney Sheets (Emory & Henry College), Brandi Porter (via Skype, Ferrum College), Naydine Shenk (New River Community College), Shannon Steffey (University of Virginia at Wise), Barbara Stepp (past president-Montgomery County schools, retired), Brenda Tester (Eastern Montgomery High School)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by President Lorraine Abraham.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as they appeared on the website. *(Motion to approve: Brenda Testerman; second Jody Hanshew)*

Financial Report: Treasurer Janet Kirby reported that current balances in checking, savings, and the three CDs total \$68,997.36.

OLD BUSINESS

Lorraine gave a program report from Nan Carmack & Joesephine Clarke. The fall program (tentatively set for October 9th at the Bristol Public Library – not yet confirmed) will be on human resource issues for libraries. The speaker will be Joel Collum of Sesco Inc., a professional human resources firm. He will do a 2-part program on: HR Laws and Pitfalls, and Performance Appraisal and Management). The presentations will be interactive and participatory and will invite participants to offer their HR dilemmas for answering during the registration process.

NEW BUSINESS

Program ideas – this was discussed at the end of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship: Lorraine gave a report from Steve Vest. There was one scholarship recipient (amount of \$1000.00). The recipient is working at the University of Virginia at Wise and will be going to the University of North Texas.

Children's MALiA: Amanda Bailey reported that the next meeting will be "Summer Reading Successes and Failures" and will be held August 21st at 10:30 at the Christiansburg Library. She also reported that she had been contacted by a MALiA member from North Carolina (Appalachian Library regional system

covering 4 counties) about borrowing some of the VA library's die cut materials. They were concerned about having a place to store them but have since worked that out.

Legislative: Information is on the website.

Programs: Already covered under Old Business and continued later in the meeting.

Website: Webmaster Jody Hanshew requested that people contact him if there is any information that needs to be put up on the website.

Contracts: Contract Administrator Carolea Newsome reported. The new contract cycle for all vendor services began on July 1, 2015. The Supply contracts and the Serials and Subscriptions contracts were both renewed for the second and final time as optioned in the 2011-2014 contract bids. Current contracts are valid from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The Materials contracts were renewed for the first time and the Executive Board will need to decide whether or not to continue with the second renewal option at the spring board meeting. Current vendors are listed on the website. Carolea mentioned that The Library Store and Rainbow Book (non-contracted vendors) have offered special discounts/pricing for MALIA members. This information is on also the website. She is currently discussing the possibility of special discounts/pricing with Proquest and will post information on the website when it is available. Someone had asked about approaching Amazon as a prospective contracted vendor but they told her that they do not currently participate in contract negotiations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements, but at this time, there was a discussion about possible future program ideas. Some of the suggestions were: Genealogy, Readers Advisory, Harry Potter as Literature, Game of Thrones, Big Read (how to set up and get grants), How to do a Murder Mystery in Your Library, and Weeding. There was also a long list of suggested authors and other speakers for future programs, including: Wiley Cash, Ron Rash, Silas House, Adriana Trigiani, Beth Macy, Kiera Cass, Charles Vess, Clyde Edgerton, David Baldacci, Tom Angleberger...

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Naydine Shenk
Secretary