

MALiA Executive Board Meeting
Friday, February 5, 2016
10:30 a.m. Teleconference

Members present: Lorraine Abraham (Emory & Henry College), Amanda Bailey (Washington County Public), Josh Frazier (Carroll County school), Jody Hanshew (Emory & Henry College), Janet Kirby (Emory & Henry College), Carolea Newsome (UVA Wise), Charlotte Parsons (Washington County Public), Brandi Porter (Ferrum College), Naydine Shenk (New River Community College), Sandy Smith (New River Community College), Shannon Steffey (UVA Wise), Brenda Tester (Eastern Montgomery High School), Steve Vest (Botetourt Public)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Lorraine Abraham

Minutes: Minutes (by Jody Hanshew) as posted on the website were approved (*motion to approve, Naydine Shenk; second Sandy Smith*)

Financial Report: Treasurer Janet Kirby emailed this information to board members. Total in checking, savings, and the three CDs comes to \$58,004.06

Cathy Hanshew (Business Manager) also provided current membership numbers to the Board prior to this meeting. We have 218 members at this time (breakdown is: 121 from Virginia, 56 from North Carolina, 8 from Tennessee, 17 from West Virginia, 15 from Kentucky, and one from Alabama)

OLD BUSINESS

Spring general meeting – the meeting will be held on April 29, 2016 in Rocky Mount. Possible programs are: how to deal with dangerous situations in the library/conflict with difficult people; maker spaces; or an author (author suggestion was Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, who is from Bristol and recently was a Newbery Honor winner). Amanda Bailey & Charlotte Parsons will try to contact the author.

NEW BUSINESS

WVLA meeting presentation and vendor booth -- The West Virginia Library Association contacted us about having MALiA representatives attend their meeting (April 7-8) in Flatwoods, West Virginia. Janet Kirby, Lorraine Abraham, and Barbara Stepp have agreed to go and have a MALiA booth, with some “freebies” (pens, sticky note pads, brochures) and water.

Small grant opportunities for member libraries – There was discussion of the possibility of giving small grants for such things as special collections or creating a “maker space”. Applicants would need to fill out a simple application and provide letters of support for their project. Suggestions were for five grants per year of \$1000.00 each. This would be in addition to the scholarship grants that are already offered, and two \$500 grants for conference opportunities. Amanda Bailey, Charlotte Parsons, Lorraine Abraham, and Steve Vest will work as a committee to develop a form and then announce the grant opportunities via the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship Committee – Steve Vest reported that we had eight scholarships in our last group. Five were new recipients (\$1000.00 each) and three were repeats (\$500.00 each).

Children’s MALiA – Amanda Bailey reported that we received a thank you from the Ashe County (NC) library for the dies they received. Amanda also mentioned that Nancy (Roark?) from a Holston consortium in Tennessee approached her, asking about a similar purchase. Amanda will work on a proposal to the board for that request. The next meeting of Children’s MALiA will be in April at the Christiansburg library.

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 RFP for supplies and serials will be coming up. The first step is member evaluations and Carolea will send that out in early March. She encouraged members to fill these out. The materials contract will end June 30 of this year, but we have a renewal option. A motion was made and approved to go with the renewal option (*motion by Janet Kirby; second by Jody Hanshew*). A committee will work with Carolea on the RFPs. Members are Carolea, Sandy Smith, Shannon Steffey, and Lorraine Abraham. Another person was suggested (Robert ? from Washington County) and he will be asked to join the committee.

Carolea’s contact at the Library of Virginia, Susan Fauver, retired on December 30th, so she will need to get in touch with whoever will be helping us with the contracts now.

Carolea also mentioned that she had been contacted by an organization known as SCOLA, who suggested that MALiA might want to join them. MALiA would pay a \$750.00 fee to join, but individual libraries would have to pay \$100.00 as well. Carolea will send Jody the email she received from them and he will post it on the MALiA website so that everyone can look into it to see if it is something our member libraries would be interested in joining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lorraine reported that Cy Dillon will be retiring as library director at Hampden-Sydney College.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Naydine Shenk, Secretary