

WiLS Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

Present:

Mark Arend (Winnefox Library System)
Martha Berninger (Resources for Libraries &
Lifelong Learning)
Mark Boucher (UW-Baraboo/Sauk County)
Lee Konrad (UW-Madison)
Kelly Kroes (WISPALS/Gateway Tech)

Stef Morrill (WiLS)
Jennifer Peterson (Menasha Joint SD)
Steve Platteter (Arrowhead Lib Sys)
Andrea Schmitz (Verona SD)
Tasha Saecker (Appleton Public Library)
Lisa Viezbicke (Beloit College)

Absent: Peg Billing (Tomahawk SD), Pat Wilkinson (UW-Oshkosh), Heather Winter (Milwaukee Art Museum)

Call to Order: Changes/Additions to the Agenda

K. Kroes called to order at 8:13 a.m. No changes/additions to the agenda.

Welcomes & introductions

Everyone introduced themselves and welcomed Andrea Schmitz, our newest board member.

Approval of May 2014 meeting notes:

M. Berninger moved to approve, S. Platteter seconded. Approved unanimously.

Financial report for FY14/15 (T. Klement)

S. Morrill read the report as written by T. Klement. The year-to-date ending May 31st, one month from year's end, looks good and our likelihood of at least breaking even is very good.

Investment strategy: introduction of topic and plan for upcoming work

S. Morrill and T. Klement have been discussing the possibilities of different investments for WiLS, as our current investments are not getting a high percentage of returns, and would like the board to approve working with the Finance Committee to revise our policy and look at other possibilities. The group discussed the desirability of socially responsible funds and balancing the desire to be socially responsible with the role of the board to be good financial stewards of the WiLS resources. S. Morrill and T. Klement will begin working with the Finance Committee on developing a policy and T. Klement will begin investigating some options.

Director's report: sent in print on July 11

No questions were asked or additional information given.

Quick review of organizational documents

S. Morrill ran through packet of documents she provided to the board including conflict of interest statement, mission and organization values, board member expectations, organizational chart and reimbursement forms. The budget, budget notes, bylaws and a directory of board members is also included.

Election of officers for 2014/15

M. Arend nominates K. Kroes to be board chair for 2014/15. S. Platteter seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

K. Kroes nominates T. Saecker as chair-elect. M. Boucher seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

M. Arend will continue as treasurer.

WiLSWorld debrief (so far)

The board expressed positive comments about the conversation and hearty thanks for all of the work Andi Coffin did to organize the conference.

2014/15 meeting dates

The board will meet:

- October 24, 2014 – Oshkosh Public Library/Winnefox Library System
- February 27, 2015 – Madison (Location TBD)
- May 22, 2015 – UW-Baraboo

S. Platteter moved to adjourn meeting. M. Arend seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:41 a.m.

Recorder: Bruce Smith