

METROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 2 P.M.

Central Piedmont Community College, Harris Campus, Room 1226
3210 CPCC Harris Campus Drive, Charlotte

Attendance: Paula Brown, Mark Coltrain, Rebecca Freeman, Jason Hazard, Jo Henry, Kaetrena Davis Kendrick, Andrea Kincaid, Rae Lovvorn, Heather Smith.

Call to order: Rebecca Freeman. Mark Coltrain joined meeting after discussion of winter luncheon and presided for rest of discussions of nominations and Annual Conference.

Minutes from August MLA Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Andrea reported MLA has \$9,372.76 in the account – Around 60 came in for memberships and 9.95 expended for the Quicken account.

Fall Program: October 5, 2-3 pm. Mark facilitate technology for it. Andrea will send a reminder email mid-week next week Sept 25-Sept 28. We have 27 people registered as of now. We would like a few questions prepared to give to LaJuan after his presentation. Mark and Andrea will coordinate with LaJuan a dry run of the presentation next week Sept 25-28. Mark will archive for a month.

Winter Luncheon:

Luncheon with Lecture format

Rachel Hildabrant. Global Literature and Libraries Initiative.

Discussion of location and examination of cost comparison for location ensued. While Belmont Abbey was considered strongly, Cantina 1511 provides the most centrally accessible location for most of the members. Costs very close on these two. Olde Mecklenburg Brewery not in the running for location because we want to try a new menu for members. \$12 lunch menu at Cantina1511 considered. We have to pick luncheon options via email poll of board members.

Rae to confirm date and availability with and Rachel. Andrea to check with Cantina 1511 and book the location.

Tentative arrangements:

Dec. 5, 6 or 7

11:30 to 1:30 pm

Cantina 1511 Park Rd.

(Eat from 11:30 to 12:30 – Workshop 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm)

Submitted by Paula Brown 10/08/2017

Paula will put initial save the event information on the website.

** Later emails among board members 9/25 confirmed December 7th as the date. Menu: Enchiladas de pollo. 2 Tacos, chicken or steak quesadilla, enchiladas verde or option to request cheese quesadilla for vegetarians.

Board Nominations: Betty's Secretary position is for 2 years. Vice-President is 2-3 years depending on involvement as past president. Term begins in January. We should have a call for nominations in October with voting in beginning of November. Paula Brown has expressed interest in Secretary, Rae Lovvorn has expressed interest in Vice President. We close the voting on December 1 and announce the results at the Winter Luncheon. Rebecca will send out call for nominations around October 2. Mark can remind folks at the October webinar They do have to be a member to sit on the board, but do not have to be a member for nominations. Vote via Google docs.

2018 Annual Conference:

Discussion of Dr. Ismail Abdullahli from NC Central, Richard Ashby or Gary Price as keynote speaker. Kaetrina had reached out to Dr. Abdullahi. He is interested. Heather and Paula have not contacted the other two. They are willing to make contact but cost of speaker was discussed since they were not local. Also discussion of what costs we covered usually ensued: travel expenses, dinner if the speaker arrives a day before, overnight hotel room at our conference hotel, gift basket of approx. \$100. Honorarium is offered but our last three speakers did not ask for it. Kaetrina will confirm with him our covered expenses and ask if he has a usual honorarium he accepts to speak. That would be polite to discuss now. Paula and Heather to contact their candidates in case Abdullahi cannot come. **The board had an email discussion 9/21 and did confirm to pick Abdullahi as speaker after Kaetrina confirmed he was still interested, the dates were ok, and expenses without honorarium were acceptable. Date still to be locked in for conference. He will be attending ALA conference.

Much discussion ensued on dates and the cost per venue and the poll of members. Andrea's cost comparison was very helpful again. Queens brings best price point. Jason reports Queens library director says he will help in any way he can with costs.

Board settled on Queens as the venue. FIELD TRIP TO QUEENS with Michael, Mark, Andrea, Jason and Heather to be arranged to see facilities layout, options, and establish communication with QU conference/Chartwell staff.

Heather Smith is willing to continue as the Conference Liaison next year.

Kaetrina suggested we do our cost comparison of venues before we poll membership of their choice next year.

Dates:

Submitted by Paula Brown 10/08/2017

Dates discussed June 7 or June 14th if we include school librarians. Friday considered as an option for the coming conference. ALA 2018 June 21-26.

**10/6 Email discussions of field trip report of the three options were very prolific. Mark (?) proposed we hash it out at our next formal meeting.

Andrea would like feedback on changing the layout for vendor prospectus.

We agree with Michael's comment on email subject lines and start a new thread. Mark added his yes that we pay attention to our email subject line when in email discussions since it can be hard to follow when we do not start a new thread.

Email on 9/28 to confirm Brenda Ameyda's new email and that she will continue on the board.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.