

Wisconsin Small Libraries Section - WISL
Regular Board Meeting
August 12, 2021
Online via Zoom

Call to Order

Chair Amy Stormberg called the meeting to order at 1:01

Roll Call

Kayla Mathson, Kent Barnard, Jamie Hein, Amy Stormberg, Tammie Blomberg (arrived at 1:05), Gina Rae, Sara Klemann (left at 1:55), Aubrey Huff, Sherry Machones, Laura Sauser

Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Sara Second: Kent; Motion Passed

Approval of the Minutes from May 2021

Moved: Gina Second: Kent; Motion Passed

Welcome to all Guests -- Introductions

- Laura Sauser the new Executive Director of WLA introduced herself.

WISL PubLib Events

- Sara updated the group on what was happening with PubLib events. The next one will be in Fall.
- Sherry suggested that the next event promote any small library events at the fall WLA conference.

WISL Meetups (Future)

- Amy recommended is postponing these meetups due to the current COVID situation.
- Gina suggested doing a safe/socially distanced meetup at the fall conference.

2021 Calendar/Meetings

- Amy submitted the meeting for the fall conference.

Positions and Duties Reviewed

- Amy asked if there were any questions about what everyone should be doing.

Conference Scholarships - WLA

- Only received one applicant.
- Sara recommended opening up for more applications and doing another marketing blast.
- Tammie moved to give the full scholarship to Christinna Swearingen from Schreiner Memorial Library in Lancaster, Kent seconded; Motion Passed

Chair Notes - Amy

- None to report.

Secretary's Notes - Jamie

- None to report.

WLA Liaison Report - Gina

- Fall conference is November 16-19 in Green Bay.
- Welcomed Laura as the new Executive Director of WLA.

LD & L Report - Sherry

- The governor signed the state budget that included increased state aid to public library systems. Sherry is interested to see how this affects small libraries.
- February 8 is Library Legislative Day in 2022. It will be a big thank you tour considering the state aid increase in the budget.
- The funding formula for library systems is being analyzed this month. The consultant will give a written recommendation by Spring 2022 to COLAND.
- The infrastructure package is working its way through the Senate and House. The Build America's Libraries Act is separate from the infrastructure package. Wisconsin could get \$83 million from this act if it passes.

Newsletter - Aubrey

- The next issue will be coming out early September. Aubrey is looking for content and pictures of pets.
- Amy commented that Aubrey is doing a great job on the newsletter.

WISL Officers 2022

- Hannah reached out to Amy for formulating the ballot.
- Ballots will go out in September.
- Amy will talk to Shelby if she wants to stay on. She would move on to Chair elect if she accepts.
- Tammie will stay on as 2nd year director.
- Sara will stay on as 3rd year director.
- There is an opening for 1st year director.
- Jamie decided to not continue as secretary.
- Gina will stay on as WLA liaison
- Aubrey will stay on as newsletter editor
- Kayla was asked if she would like to fill any open positions. She will be on the ballot as either Chair Elect or 1st year director.

Conference - WLA Meeting

- Amy submitted a proposal for the WISL meeting with preference to afternoon or evening.

Conference - WLA Social/Program

- Amy asked for volunteers to organize and plan a social for the fall conference.

- Today is the last day to apply for a room for WLA. It could also be not as formal.
- Tammie is willing to help if someone is willing to take lead.
- Gina suggested sending an email out in a couple of weeks and see if anything comes up from that. The group felt it should be informal.
- Kent suggested doing a giveaway and will look into it.
- Gina talked about the two programs she submitted to the fall conference.
 - Community outreach options presented by Northern Waters libraries
 - Working on making the catalog more inclusive
- Kent submitted a proposal about self-publishing
- Sherry submitted a proposal for the Librarians at the Movies program

Social Media Update - Ongoing

- Amy talked about how posting has fallen off a bit lately.
- Sherry will be posting about a new show on Hulu that is based on a book.

COVID-19 Impact on WISL - Ongoing

- Amy mentioned how she missed being in person.

Plan Moving Forward - Ongoing

- Kent set up a Microsoft Teams group for WISL. It would be easier to chat and share files through Teams as opposed to email.
- Amy asked if the group would like to use it.
- Laura mentioned the idea of streamlining to everyone using the same product.
- Amy suggested putting this on hold until we hear more from WLA.

Anything else for the good of the order

- Kayla asked a question about receiving boxes of comics for Free Comic Book Day. She also talked about programs her library does on Tuesday nights in a local park.
- Tammie talked about a picnic shelter her library had built.
- Kent has been having in-person programming over the summer.
- Amy's library is going to be moving to a different building in December.

Adjourn

Adjournment at 2:16

Move: Kent Second: Kayla