**METROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

THURS. OCT. 23RD, 2014, 2:10 P.M.

Central Piedmont Community College, Harris Campus, Building I room 1215

3210 CPCC Harris Campus Drive, Charlotte

***With update added Mon. 1-5-2015***

**Board Members Present:** Doug Short, Richard Moniz, Robert Bryan, Rebecca Freeman, Valerie Freeman, Jo Henry, Rae Lovvorn, Frank Newton.

**Board Members Absent:** Brenda Almeyda, Katy Hill, Melinda Livas, Joli McClelland, LaJuan Pringle, Sherrill Shiraz.

**Invited Guest and Former Board Member:** Joe Eshleman.

**1. Minutes of Last Board Meeting (Frank).** Minutes of the Sept. Board meeting were ap­proved, with one change noted by Doug: Katy clarified that she may have to resign because of the difficulty of getting away from work for Board meetings, but it is not yet definite.

**2. Treasurer's Report (Jo).** Jo reported that our current balance is $9,142.01.

**3. Program Planning -- December Program.** The program will be lunch and speakers at Fontanella's Restaurant in Charlotte, 12-2:30.

**(a) First topic.** The Board persuaded Jo, Richard, and Joe Eshleman to make a low-tech presentation on their book *Fundamentals for the Academic Liaison* (2014) at the Dec. program.

**(b) Expanded topic.** Board members suggested we could invite other area librarians to join these three and speak on their experiences publishing their research. Rae suggested a program title of The Published Librarian. We aim to assemble a panel to address two areas, (i) What's been your experience in publishing?, and (ii) Give us a brief overview of what you wrote about. Other possible panelists include Melinda and Beth.

**(c) Publicity.** In answer to a question from Rae, Doug said we can start publicizing the Dec. event on our website.

**(d) Responsibilities and followup.** Richard will check the shape and size of the room at Fonta­nella's. Frank volunteered to be timer/moderator. Someone will contact Melinda and Beth.

**4. Bylaw Revision Committee** was unable to meet in October, but aim to meet in November. They are looking at Nov. 6th (12 noon).

**5. Elections for 2015 Officers.** Doug will work on arrangements for the election.

**6. Program Planning -- 2015 Metrolina Conference.**

**(a) Date (Jo).** Thurs. June 18th, 2015 would work better for school librarians, but Jo reported that other considerations are leading us to favor Thurs. June 11th, 2015 (a week earlier), and we set the date for the 2015 Conference on June 11th.

**(b) Sponsors (Valerie).** Valerie announced from the South Carolina Library Asso. conference yesterday that Baker & Taylor, and Ebsco, are possible sponsors for the Metrolina Conference 2015.

**(c) Supplies -- Ribbons (Rebecca).** Rebecca mentioned that she's found two companies that can supply "Presenter" ribbons for next June: Marco Promotional Products, and PC Nametags.

**(d) Review of proposals (Valerie).** Valerie suggested that this might be the year for us to try a blind selection process, which we have not attempted before.

**7. Ideas for Future Programs -- Charlotte Book Fair (Valerie and Rebecca).** Valerie and Rebecca are considering a project of organizing a Charlotte book festival, and wanted to mention this to the Board as Metrolina could be a sponsor for it. Their advisor recommended that they start by putting together an advisory panel or board. They are looking at spring 2016.

**8. Next Board Meeting** will be Thurs. Nov. 13th, 2 p.m. at Harris Campus of CPCC.

***Update.*** Nov. 13th meeting cancelled because insufficient attendence was forecast (E-mail from Doug, Thurs. 11-13-2014 11:53 a.m., "RE: MLA Agenda for Today's Meeting"). Some business was conducted by E-mail in a thread begun by Doug that afternoon, Thurs. 11-13-2014 2:25 p.m. (MLA Meeting...Now Through E-mail!).

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Newton

MLA Secretary

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