SWHSL Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom
Date: 4/20/26
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

In attendance were:
Advocate Health: Karen Hanus (treasurer), Mini Prasad, Liz Suelzer, Kathy Koch (secretary), Rita Mitchell, Barb Ruggeri, Sarah Rowell, Meagan McConnell, Gwen Shorter
Carroll: Loren Mintz, Meghan Dziengel
MCW: Ashley Zeidler (presiding officer), Chelsea Rowley
ProHealth: Dora Davis
VA: Anne Snieg
Versiti: Chris Hlavenka

Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm

Introduction/Icebreaker took place. Loren introduced Meghan Dziengel, the new librarian at Carroll

The December meeting minutes were approved. Motion was made by Liz and seconded by Rita.

Karen Hanus presented the treasurer's report. Five of the six professional development grants have been reimbursed, still waiting on one. After the last one is reimbursed, we will have $102 left for our final in-person meeting. Karen did not pursue dues from Ascension since Kellee Selden has been out for at least a year and she had not been coming to meetings.

This year there were 6 professional development grants given. The recipients are Ashley, Dora, Jennifer, Meagan M, Chelsea, and Barb.

There are two meetings left before sunsetting WHSLA. Ashley proposed that we do MLA sharing at a virtual summer meeting, with our final meeting to be in person in fall.

Comments - Make sure we do fall meeting before snow starts. Meghan D and Annie are at universities, so try to not to plan meeting during their busy times.

Ashley will move forward with a virtual summer meeting with the focus on MLA sharing from professional development grant awardees and from anyone else who is attending MLA and wants to share. Ashley will start to look for fall date that works for as many as possible. She can host at MCW.

Plans to sunset SWHSL by the end of 2026. The plan is to use remaining funds to cover lunch. Karen, Liz, and Barb will form an ad hoc committee and come up with plan. Will look at tax number, website shut down, and anything we may want to preserve.

Member Sharing

Ashley – Kathryn is retiring mid-summer, lots of transition with her role. Doing more with e-resources.

Karen – as of Jan 1 she is responsible for the Atrium Health Navicent library in Macon GA. Working to move their catalog into ours, and update their resource technology. She is co-chairing MLA local arrangement and local service project subcommittee. Karen is looking for volunteers for hospitality booth, don't need to be an MLA member. If you work 6 hours at the book you will a free 1-day registration. She is also a panelist for the collection development symposium.

Dora – is working on vendor contracts.

Liz – network technology continues to merging across the Advocate Health enterprise. The latest is Skyhigh web filtering software; the library is helping to test and we found a number of problems before it went live across WI and IL.

Rita – was invited to be part of a roundtable event at MLA. She will be moderator at a table for later in life disabilities. That will be 1 of 8 tables with different topics.

Annie – presenting a poster at MLA on popup anatomy labs. She is also on Local Arrangements and organized a showing of Tolkien manuscripts at MU.

Mini – working on Navicent collection and weeding/shelf read before moving records.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42pm