

SLS COUNCIL MINUTES

5/13/14

Present:

Lynne Blum, Chris Harris, Chris Allen, Renee Burns, Jill Feine, Joan Ellison, Anne-Marie Gordon, Nicki Lerczak, Matthew Perry

At 3:07 the Council meeting was called to order. Minutes were read; Chris Allen moved to accept the minutes; Renee Burns seconded. All agreed.

PD Travel Awards: The Council voted to accept and adopt the online application for Travel Awards. This application will be linked from the SLS Website adjacent to the Calendar posted on the SLS site. The list of PD opportunities that is posted to the calendars can be updated by Joan, Renee, Jill and Kristi as needed. Chris will send out a solicitation encouraging librarians to apply for summer opportunities. In addition, Chris will send out an email announcing that SLS will be funding a full scholarship for the Summer Leadership Institute at Cornell. The hope is that a young librarian who has not attended will apply for this award. The deadline for this offer will be 5/30; winner will be announced at the end of year dinner on June 4th at Fratelli's.

Communication: To further facilitate communication within the region, Chris will continue to create updates on large items on a monthly basis, while sharing additional information in the interim as needed.

New Email system for SLS: This item was clarified. In order to ensure that all requests for help and information are dealt with in a timely manner, SLS is instituting the system emails. The issue that resulted in this decision was that members might have emailed more than one SLS staff member, and when busy, the item may have not been dealt with because of confusion about who would be responsible. The system emails allow all staff members to be up-to-date on ongoing issues, as well as to make sure that any work orders are assigned appropriate and dealt with in a timely manner. SLS is using an app called frontapp.com to backchannel and share information so that troubleshooting is facilitated.

System emails are: libauto@gvboces.org; medialib@gvboces.org

Please continue to email staff members if wanted, but limit to one staff member if possible.

Council Meetings for next year are as follows:

10/21, 12/9, 2/10, 5/12

Nominations for Council:

Joan collected nominations for the two Council positions being vacated this year by Chris Allen and Lynne Blum. Nominations were Holly Mullen (Avon) and Julie Hengenius (Pembroke). Chris will issue a ballot that will be due by 5/30 as per the bylaws so that all members can vote on council members for next year.

Brainhive - ebooks on demand paid by use - each district will get 100 free items borrowed, and then will pay \$1 for each additional circulation. These will be available in bundles (add 100/200, etc.) and this will be an adjustment to service that will be aidable. This might be a good addition for Summer School programs to utilize.

Goal Setting for Next year:

Chris Harris will be looking at the following priorities for next year:

- supporting the 1:1 computer models that are being adopted by several area schools as part of Model Schools and SLS (new FishForInfo)
- Continue to work with the American Library Association (ALA) [Office for Information Technology Policy \(OITP\)](#) Advisory Committee.

Next year for our librarians:

- Provide training on using Google Doc and Apps with kids - how to use Google Apps innovatively (possible invite Kim Derenbaker to present at a meeting)
- How to better service students who are living in poverty, particularly in a rural environment; motivating kids and make them care about being successful. This can be achieved by making a personal connection with students - so will hopefully plan to invite a speaker that can help with this strategy (Bring in Steve French to present)

Budget Planning

The budget for next year was reviewed. There is approximately \$4500 in play, not specifically allocated, that will be used for the Award Books, for Travel Awards, and to fund a scholarship to the Summer Leadership Institute. Joan will email Patti to reserve a spot for someone in our system. Joan moved to accept the budget; motion passed unanimously.

Anne-Marie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15; Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.