

TASL Executive Board Meeting
August 9, 2008
Marvin Wright Elementary School
4714 Derryberry Lane
Spring Hill, TN 37174

Welcome and introduction activity.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 by President Lynn Caruthers. Those in attendance were Lynn Caruthers, Becky Jackman, Carol Burr, Pam Chowning, Cathy Renfrow, Cathy Kendall, Nancy Dickinson, Paige Eisemann and Allison Roberts.

Minutes from the May 24, 2008 meeting were read by Lynn Caruthers. Discussion followed, and the Washington Library Media Association policy regarding registration at conferences for volunteer workers wording was amended so as to convey the true meaning and intention of the executive board which is for chairs to be reimbursed (at the early conference registration fee rate). Lynn Caruthers is going to make corrections and will email these minutes for approval and a vote. The motion to approve as corrected was made by Becky Jackman and seconded by Pam Chowning.

Paige Eisemann has been officially appointed by Lynn Caruthers as the secretary to finish the 2008 calendar year.

Treasurer Report, Carol Burr- Total income since Jan has been 23,343. Income for spring workshops is 400.00. Income for summer workshops is \$6325.00. Expenses were as shown in rpt. Expenses for summer workshops were discussed as they have not all been paid. Balances are as shown in rpt. Allison Roberts moved to approve the treasurer's report, and was seconded by Cathy Renfrow. The vote to approve this report will be taken via email.

Awards/Innovative Libr. Award- Lynn Caruthers read a report from Roberta Dunn stating the names of the scholarship winners, Suzanne Minga and Becky Hornsby. Pam Renfro discussed Innovative Library Award but did not announce the winners at this time. She also mentioned that the committee wanted to recognize a

Family Reading night program with a monetary award (Margaret Hausauer's Kenwood Elem. program). Regarding middle and high school submissions the committee felt there were great unit or lesson plans, and not a program among the submissions. They felt the applications were lessons with a captive audience with objectives, and not a program voluntary and open to all to promote the library and meet a need at the same time. Pam Renfro posed the question to the Board if the committee should present the award to these submissions this year, but amend the description for submissions for next year. Discussion followed, and a consensus was reached to maintain the integrity of the awards. As a result no upper grade level awards will be presented this year. It was stated that at the next meeting the criteria be amended to match more of what the TASL and the committee are looking for. It was also discussed that the presentation be carefully worded.

Certification and Standards, Judy Bivens: No report

Conference 2008, Margaret Hausauer and Bruce Hester: read by Lynn Caruthers. Conference is shaping up nicely, with Mary Ann Frazier (famous for the "IQ" books) and author signings. Becky Jackman spoke on behalf of Bruce Hester requesting that people ask for donations to go into the bags, and for volunteers to help "stuff" the bags. Bruce wanted the board to know that at conference we will not be giving participants tag IDs, but instead regular IDs as requested by some attendees. He reminded everyone that we should all continue to look for sponsors and try to sell ads for the programs. The Board discussed the exorbitant cost of continental breakfast, and whether or not Marriott would sell box breakfasts like they sell box lunches.

Conference 2009 read by Lynn Caruthers: Speakers for the upcoming conference who were discussed include Nick Briel, Michael Dahl, Dianne de las Casas and Kristen Fontichero. The Board discussed that the planned venue (Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro) appears to be nearing the end of the construction phase and almost ready to open.

Advocacy, Jeanette Lambert: The Board discussed the combination of the Legislative and Advocacy committees for all future

purposes. The immediate goals of said committee were discussed and the unofficial motto agreed upon- “Persistence Pays”.

Membership, Nancy Dickinson: Nancy reported that as of the meeting date we had 363 active members and 1 new corporate member. 9 region names were discussed and a motion was made by Lynn Caruthers and seconded by Carol Burr to adopt these names for our regions. Because of the lack of quorum the vote will be taken via email.

Professional Development, Allison Roberts: The board discussed feedback on events held earlier in the year including workshops with Kary Barth of Kapco. All members heard positive reviews of the spring and summer events. Allison apprised the board of dates for future events such as collection analysis programs with Karen Lowe in Memphis June 22-23, Nashville June 24-25, Chattanooga June 29-30, and Morristown July 1-2. The Kary Barth workshops for 2009 should be held at the end of February or the first of March is possible. Allison spoke to the board about collaborating with Lisa Hatchcock from Alabama about joint hosting (i.e. splitting the cost) an AASL Institute. The total cost is \$4500, which would cost attendees around \$100 per person due to limited attendance spaces. The summer professional development events and dates will be announced at the conference in November 2008.

Technology: no report

Area Representatives:

East TN: Allison Roberts shared that through the professional development activities we gained 5 new members.

Middle TN: Becky Jackman is contacting non-members in her area with regards to the conference and membership. She also mentioned the possibility of creating a TASL Wiki.

Pam Chowning spoke about promoting TASL to independent and private schools and publicizing workshops and prof. development opportunities.

West TN: Cathy had no report.

Nancy advised the Board that she is sending list so that non-members can be contacted by area reps to encourage networking, fellowship and collaboration within all areas of the state.

Old Business: none

New Business: Lynn spoke to the group regarding the old TASL owned laptop currently being used by treasurer Carol Burr. The financial records are kept on this machine so that they can be easily passed on from treasurer to treasurer. This machine is old and not working properly. Research and shopping show that for a cost of \$468 a new Mac could be purchased by TASL for this purpose. Carol stated that this is necessary because these records should not be on someone's personal computer because of privacy issues, etc. Discussion followed regarding putting a "cap" on spending for this item. Cathy moved that an \$800 spending limit for the purchase of a new treasurer computer and software (to be passed down) be allocated. Allison seconded the motion; the vote will be taken via email.

Newsletter: Lynn discussed gathering material, ideas for submissions, and production of the newsletter with the Board.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pam Renfrow and seconded by Pam Chowning.

Respectfully submitted by Paige Eisemann