

Minutes of Executive Board – November 5, 2010

Becky Jackman called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m.

Susan Earl, Director, City of Brentwood Library and Representative from TLA – special guest

The following members were present:

Becky Jackman

Karen Cragwall

Beth Frerking

Cristol Kapp

Barbara Winningham

Janette Lambert

Anne Smith

Mona Batchelor

Hannah Little

Pam Renfrow

Cathy Kendall

Special Guest Susan Earl spoke first:

Goals: Advocacy – Looking at Lobbyists

Susan Earl attended the meeting to ask TASL if we could possibly afford a lobbyist. Susan commented: TennShare cannot afford a lobbyist. We all want better services for our communities. The first goal is: A selection of a lobbyist after the beginning of the fiscal year, July 2010. State Library and TN Share are looking at a courier service. TLA would represent school libraries. Susan is asking if we can join with TLA to support a lobbyist.

Questions: Library Legislative Day

Legislative Day – luncheon recap – talk with folks who went to talk with the legislators. They are trying to change their day a bit.

Having someone who already knows the system and who can talk with legislatures is something important and Susan wanted the opportunity to share with us.

MINUTES: (out of order)

Becky asked for any changes to the minutes of the meeting of August. 17, 2010. Minutes were changed and a motion was made to accept. The motion was seconded. All approved the changes.

Beth Frerking – Treasurer’s Report:

- Enormous balance in budget, but no bills have been paid except a printing bill. Report – attached.
- Question about Stickers for VSBA. They can be ordered on TASL/VSBA Website.

Becky asked for a motion to move to approve the Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made and seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

Old Business:

Becky commented on Task Force approval – Task force was approved 11-1 to organize a plan for conversion of administrative tasks to the Web.

Becky turned the meeting over to Pam Renfrow.

New Business:

Pam went around the room and asked for introductions of all new Board Members

- Carlotta Wright – not present at the meeting.

Dates will be forthcoming for 2011 Board Meetings

January 22 or 29 will be the next meeting

Some Task Force and some committees will work part of the morning, and then will go to the afternoon.

Things for next year:

Bylaws for student group

Officer Handbook

Hannah and Pam have been in meetings with Embassy Suites. There was a mistake made on the dates for the contract for 2011. The hotel was looking at the 2010 calendar. We were able to work things out with the hotel. The conference will also be held in 2012 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Murfreesboro, October 25-27, 2012. We need to set the date for 2013. At the present

time we have few choices for the size of our group. AASL is in 2013 as well. September 19-21 or October 3-5 are the possible dates Pam recommended we work with the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center. A recommendation was made to look at dates for Tennessee and Alabama Library Association dates as possible conflicts. A discussion took place about the pros and cons of choosing each date. Concerns included school schedules, data fest dates, and TLA meetings. October 3-5 was the recommended date to be held at the Embassy Suites and Conference Center in Murfreesboro. Pam will ask the hotel for Internet rates.

Hannah expressed satisfaction that the Task Force has been approved by the Board. She is hopeful that we can find a solution for our needs: An online management system for Website, membership, professional development and conference. Hannah is the chairperson, including Beth Frerking, Mona Batchelor, and Nancy Dickinson. Hannah is looking at four products. Four proposals were submitted to the task force for consideration. Hannah discussed some of the features of some of the products. She asked what action will be taken by the Board after the Task Force approves one of the proposals for a product. Hannah asked based on needs, can we do an online proposal to the Board. The initial costs for one of the products Hannah is interested in using should be approximately \$1500. Hannah and the Task Force will analyze the options and get back to the Board for an online vote.

Becky commented that Scot Smith is on board and welcomes the opportunity for the Website to be handled by a Web hosting service.

Motion Made:

Anne Smith moved to empower the task force to make a decision based on the needs of the organization. Cristol seconded the motion. Becky called for discussion. The motion was approved by the Board.

Kathy Kendall mentioned that Hannah needed to go back and pay TEA dues in order to be considered for the nomination of the Vice President in the organization. Becky commented that Hannah asked about membership in TEA for the future. Donna Jerdan also will be consulted. We will consult with TEA and rectify the situation for the future.

Becky mentioned we need to replace Barbara Winningham on the Board. We received our affiliate certification from AASL.

Becky asked that the meeting be adjourned. Becky was thanked for her contribution to TASL.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bryant

TASL Secretary, January 5, 2011