



MASL Meeting
December 6, 2008
Maine State Library

Present: Kelley McDaniel, Teri Caouette, Donna Chale, Peggy Becksvoort, Sylvia Norton, Jeff Small, Eileen Broderick, Edna Comstock, Edna Comstock, Gretchen Asam, Nancy B. Grant, Janet Patterson

Jeff called the meeting to order at 9:40. Welcome and opening remarks.

Secretary's Report (Joyce): Discussed date for the January meeting. Corrections to minutes under conference, website, name, Steer.

- *Donna made a motion to accept the secretary's report as amended, Nancy seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report (Donna): Membership dues added. Bought ALA booklets. CDs not losing money. Income: \$856.00 Expenses: \$230.36

- *Peggy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Eileen seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Conference (Peggy & Edna):

- Met with Molly and discussed whether to have a joint conference in the future. Handout on a summary that deals with numbers from the survey. Edna is working with comments regarding programs, website, etc.
- Preliminary numbers on the money side \$61,350. About \$3,000. Needs to know how many scholarships were given and need a check for that. Final bill for Sunday River \$34,00.00. More will be needed for speakers, etc. Major concern is learning why some do not attend. Working on a composite list to try to learn who did not attend (ed techs? etc.).
- Jeff read letter addressed to Molly and Jeff from Edna resigning her position as conference manager. Includes a comparison chart showing duties when started and where they are now.
- Discussed specific issues around conference: More YSS programs, academic librarians, structure, who to join with, Reading Roundup, etc. What will be our focus? Next step is to develop a solid procedure that would allow us a good conference in 2010 with whoever we join with. Gretchen will speak with district consultants about professional development. Also discussed joint summer retreat. Would like to form a group to look at it to produce a manual giving responsibilities.
- *Moved to form a committee to develop a structure for a conference. Motion carried.* Nancy, Kelley, Joyce, Edna, Jeff, Peggy, Linda Harding? Stay today to make preliminary plans.

Jeff: Please look at Gail and Eileen's requests and respond to them. Did you go to the website? Please do so if not.

Beth Edmund's Suggestions at conference (Jeff): Reminder to make your presence known. Jeff gave us a list of things we should do.

Sylvia: Spoke on financial, consolidation issues and how they impact school libraries. Recommended letters to commissioner, etc. regarding the instructional role of school libraries.

- Working group to develop letter. Legislative letter to send to dept. of ed. Include Partnership for the 21st Century.

Other:

- NESLA applications, Edna asked us to check them and she will send them out. Teri said NESLA would like a joint conference with people from different boards in March.
- Sylvia: Revision of NEASC standards. 21st Century Learner is the emphasis in adapting the standards. Handout from NESLA comparing 2009 and 2011 standards.
- Edna has current list of members. With membership form include a survey if they did not go to conference. Testing a new piece of software called Email Merge Pro.
- Jeff on National Board Certification. Congratulated Nancy on earning hers. Take One (allows you to do just one of the entries). It can be used for recertification. Let's administrators know that you take your job seriously. Would like the board to pursue it. Nancy and Peg asked people to look at it and discuss at the next meeting. Think about it for next year project.

Formal meeting adjourned at 11:15 People went into work groups and developed letters.

The meeting re-convened at 12:40 to decide on a date for the Jan. meeting. Jeff wants final drafts of letters by this coming Thursday.

Jan. meeting will be held on the 10th from 11:00 to 3:00. Work groups in AM then formal meeting later. Edna will make sure we have lunch. Will discuss Spring Fling.

Meeting adjourned again at 1:10.