



MASL Meeting
November 14, 2009
Falmouth Middle School

Attendance: Donna Chale, Jeff Small, Kelley McDaniel, Barb Hammond, Eileen Bonervil, Debbie Gahm, Teri Caouette, Sylvia Norton, Gretchen Asam, Edna Comstock, Maureen Driscall, Peg Becksvoort, Cindy Petherbridge, Tina Taggart, Nancy B. Grant, Deb Averill

Opening Remarks: Jeff Small welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for his opportunity to serve as MASL president

Secretary's Report: *The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as presented.*

Treasurer's Report (Donna Chale):

- Domain name renewal was paid, 25.00 from last year's conference, mostly membership and standards money are coming in. Uneventful month.
- Expenses in October: \$139.50
- Income in October: \$32.95
- Aside: Teri will not be going to the NESLA meeting. Edna said that she put something together regarding conference info. with a link to NESLA. This is in everyone's packet.
- *The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.*

Debbie Averill attended meeting as our rep. on the Maine Library Commission. She spoke about her current work on the MLC. She addressed the following questions and/or concerns:

- Feels the commission is aware of school libraries making a difference in student learning. She will continue to make them aware.
- MASL's role in rubrics for learning results. She asked where we stand now? What are we doing with that?
- Clarified the concern that we need a voice on behalf of libraries in schools, not in school libraries. Need to remember that school libraries are libraries also. Need some connection with DOE. In gathering info. she will be talking to all stakeholders. She sees a need for better communication. Asked to look at IMLS and US dept. of Ed.
- Plans for school district restructuring and its impact on schools.
- Job description for a youth services consultant and asked for input. Deb sent concerns of hers regarding school libraries.
- Issue related to youth in school libraries to involve the DOE representation. Certification, etc. there are sometimes mixed messages. We need to be part of the system and work as an ecosystem.
- Deb would like to maintain conversation regarding meetings that she attends so that we are up-to-date and aware as things happen.

Conference (Spring Fling): Kelley spoke on Beat a Bunny. The person who wins this contest and the librarian to go to a conference in the spring at Orono. Will be an informational piece for the Roadshow.

Gail Garthwait: New MASL Site design. Gail would like everyone to look at their sections.

Road Trips (Kelley):

- Discussion on topics for the Roadshow.
- Asked about dates. Dec. 3 – Teri hosting, Lewiston for Dec. 8, Dec. 10-Dixfield. Ellsworth – Dec. 17th(tent) Newport for the 15th (tent.) Will hold on decision for Presque Isle. If a snow day, will need to cancel.
- Kelley will write it up and send it to Edna, then send it to the people in the area.

Awards (Jeff):

- Deb's receipt of the LMS of the year award was announced at her faculty meeting. There will be a presentation this afternoon.
- Admin. of the year is the principal at Cony High School. The award was presented at the School Board meeting. Jeff urged us to nominate our admins. for this award.

Sylvia:

- AASL Conference in Charlotte. There were 3000. James Paterson spoke and promoted school librarians. Dana Boyd on Social networking and technology and emphasized that kids need us to reach out to them. Librarians are often that person who reaches out by encouraging reading, etc. Mark Otourous spoke on The “purpose verses the stuff.”
- ERate coordinators put Sylvia's name to the USAC board. Spoke with Collins staff and went to the FCC office. Did not get to see Olympia Snow formally but saw her in the grocery store to thank her.
- ELA K-12 Common Core.

Other:

- Kelley asked for a policy regarding when people are speaking for themselves vs. chair of a group. Edna offered to do some research.
- Discussion on handbook donations and tax status.
- Jeff went through the order of business in the annual meeting.
- Voted on new dues schedule (see handout)– *Peggy made motion that we accept the dues change as proposed. The motion was seconded and approved.*
- We are now at about 130 members.
- Question regarding full-time student definition in regards to dues.

Meeting adjourned 11:43 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce L. Lucas