

WPSLA Executive Board Minutes

June 9, 2004

In attendance were: Rich H., Kathy B., Ginger L., Paul N., Kirsten M., Linda H., Faith B., Grace A., Mary Grace K., Jesse M., and Gabriella M.

Reviewed and approved minutes from February's Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Grace presented the report. WPSLA's current balance is \$2580.17

PSLA Leadership Summit: It will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Monroeville from July 27th to 29th.

Kathy B., Ginger L., and Gabriella M. will be available for the guests to give directions, help with incidentals, etc. Kathy and Gabriella will split coverage on the 28th and Ginger will cover the 29th.

Kirsten M. and Grace A. will organize the Welcome to Pittsburgh from WPSLA "Smiley Cookie". Inquiries will be made to the Radisson to insure that this is allowed. Grace will check with Anita V. about the number of attendees expected.

Workshops: group agreed that opportunities to share with fellow librarians during discussions are invaluable and should be included in future workshops when possible

Allegheny Region Access PA Training—we will try to schedule during the week of October 18th

Faith B. will contact Nancy Spears—emails show that Faith is already hard at work and Kathy B has offered Pine Richland. More details as they are finalized

ToolKit2 Training—this would be offered at our February meeting along with a discussion about "Library Literacy: What Incoming Freshman Need to Know"

November Dinner: SAL is hosting author, David Lubar (***DUNK***) from Nov. 2 to 4th.

Mr. Lubar would be available to speak at our fall dinner for Wednesday Nov. 3rd.

The Wyndham would be a possible site because of its proximity to Sewickley.

This year it will be stressed that reservations are mandatory for the dinner. Also, people may attend the author's lecture only.

AASL 2005 Conference (Oct. 5-9): Dinner with a Local Librarian for Wed. October 5th.

Ginger explained that in the past, visiting librarians signed up for dinner based upon type of food, price and were then paired with a local librarian. Dinners are Dutch treat.

This year Mary Kay B. suggested a different spin, perhaps dinner on the Gateway Clipper or Party Liner so that we could show off our city.

Rich H. spoke to each cruise line and attained prices. Majestic was \$30.95 per person plus tip and a fuel charge; Party Liner was \$29.95 plus tip and fuel. The Majestic can accommodate 550 to 600 people whereas the Party Liner can seat up to 350. The Majestic is also able to go to the Convention Center and pick up passengers there.

Although Mary Kay B. thought that the price seemed high (possibly \$45-50 with all of the incidentals) and asked if WPSLA and perhaps other school librarian groups would consider subsidizing the event to make the tickets less expensive.

The board members thought that it was typical of this type of dinner/entertainment. No definite answer as of yet as to our financial contribution was made at this time.

Other questions/concerns were brought up: what is the minimum number of people needed; when is the last date to back out of the agreement if we do not meet the number; will this be an AASL members only event or may non-AASL librarians attend; once the contract is signed will the Majestic be able to increase the fuel surcharge; is there a cash bar?

WPSLA Web Domain Name: Linda H. asked the board to allot \$10 per year so that our domain name could be www.wpsla.net (.org is currently being used by a lacrosse association). The board approved this.

An additional request was made to move the website to another server. It is currently on Linda's workplace's server. She reported that this would cost \$15 per quarter which would include having the site hosted, email addresses, aliases redirected to our site. The board asked if this bill could be paid annually instead of quarterly. Linda would inquire but believed that it could be done. The board approved the request to move the site to another server.

Mary Grace K. and Gabriella M. have offered to help develop a fill-in form for the website so that people may complete applications.

WPSLA Board 2005-2008: The board discussed ways to encourage new people to step forward to help. In April a new Vice President, secretary, treasurer, etc will be needed. A suggestion was to have a dinner like the one that Linda H. hosted 2 years ago; perhaps at a restaurant or another person's home. Suggestions/Ideas will be discussed at the September Board Meeting.

Miscellaneous: Mailings containing membership applications and a flyer with upcoming dates will go out at the end of August.

Paul: will print address and return labels and send them to Gabriella
--send membership application to Gabriella for printing

Mary Grace: develop flyer for upcoming events
October—Allegheny Region Access Training
November—Author's Dinner
February—Toolkit
April—Spring Dinner/Advocate Award
AASL—October 2005
--send flyer to Gabriella for printing

Gabriella: have copies made of application/flyer

Gabriella/Ginger: envelope stuffing and labeling

Next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, September 9th. Gabriella will call Panera located on the Blvd of the Allies (near Magee Women's Hospital) and email when the plans are finalized.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Gabriella Miller