

Minutes
St. Louis Regional Library Network Council Meeting

July 15, 2021

2:30 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Jeff Bargielski, Pamela Withrow, Erin Magner, Katy Smith, Nicole Walsh, Caitlin Stamm, Cindy Miller, Kristen Evans, Janice Hovis, Hilary Padavan, Jennifer Moore.

- I. Approval of minutes – May 20 minutes approved
- II. Introductions for new Council members – Council officers and new members introduced themselves:
 - a. Jeff Bargielski -president
 - b. Erin Magner – treasurer
 - c. Janice Hovis – secretary
 - d. Cindy Miller – vice president/president elect
 - e. New members: Katy Smith, Nicole Walsh, Caitlin Stamm, Jennifer Moore

Jeff welcomed the new members and gave a brief history and overview of the organization. Kristin described how Amigos supports SLRLN. We can email SLRLN@amigos.org with questions.

- III. Treasurer’s Report – Erin gave a brief report. We are in good shape financially. Current financial information was sent via email. We just paid Amigos for half the year and we have filed taxes. There are some uncollected dues from last year. The report was approved.
- IV. Association Management Report – Hilary gave a brief report from Amigos. They have transferred information to Wild Apricot and updated the website. Some member contact information needed to be updated.
- V. Summer Workshop recap
Building Resiliency: through a global pandemic with Mental Health First Aid; Thursday, June 24 - 6:00 to 7:30 pm; Deer Creek Park, Maplewood, MO. Attendance was very small (13 total). We did not send out a survey. The weather may have been a factor, and the timing as we recover from the pandemic.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Council Member Recruitment – we have one open council spot to fill, for the last year of an unexpired term. Jeff will reach out to Paula Albers (Webster University) who was on the spring ballot to see if she is still interested in serving on the Council.
 - b. Fall Workshop – Two ideas were discussed at the May meeting: “How to do a Podcast” with Kirkwood Public Library and “Accessibility” with Theresa Masters from St. Charles, who presented at the Tech Expo.

Janice, Cindy, and Jennifer will form a subcommittee to begin the planning process. Janice will follow up with Christa from Kirkwood, and Cindy will contact Theresa. Jennifer suggested that accessibility could be viewed through a diversity and inclusion lens. We were reminded that the workshops should be actual workshops rather than presentations. In other words, they should include active participation.

VII. New Business

- a. Registered Agent – Amigos has filled this role in the past but will not do so going forward. The agent is responsible for being the contact for the organization with the State of Missouri and files a report with the Office of the Secretary of State every year for the organization to remain in good standing. InCorp was suggested at a cost of \$67 per year with a 5-year prepaid commitment. We decided to go ahead with InCorp.
- b. Annual Report 2021 – Jeff will follow up to make sure the report is filed with the Secretary of State.
- c. Diversity and Inclusion – We did not have time for a lengthy discussion on this important issue. We are working on a Diversity & Inclusion statement and other actions to increase SLRLN and Council diversity. Jeff gave some background for the new members. (Who?) shared an email discussion including a recent statement of concerns and our response.
- d. SLRLN Google Drive access – the access information was shared in the chat so that all council members have access to the drive for shared files.
- e. Next meeting date – Thursday Aug. 19 at 2:30 via Zoom.

VIII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm.