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TLA Board Meeting December 1, 2007

Present: Insert table

Jane Pinkston Called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. She thanked Madison Public for hosting the meeting. She then recalled the grand opening of that library in 1999. Jane then followed with introductions of all present.

Jane opened by saying that there were several items to be covered at the meeting. She reported that the Imagination Library representative could not be here. Cathy Farley reported that there were no new developments. A request to approve the minutes followed. Approval was moved by Cathy Farley and seconded by Kevin Reynolds.

Annelle Huggins gave the Financial Report. Her indications are the everything is going well. She asked for questions but there were none.

Annelle Huggins then noted that the General Report was distributed via email. She asked if there were no comments that the report be filed as submitted.

Annelle also reported she had located a new commercial printer in Memphis that printer that also does mailing. The company is named Baber incorporated. The printer we used formerly went out of business. Annelle reported that so far service fro Baber has been good. They also deliver. She noted that perhaps it is a bit more costly, but in general seems in line with current market prices. She also reported that she will be very interested to see how they do printing the conference booklet.

Annelle also reported that she had attended a web seminar through Lorman. She also attended one on nonprofit governance and the IRS. The forms have changed and the issues were interesting. TLA will have a charge to the By Laws committee to determine some new procedures that need to be in place in regards to governance that the IRS insists on. Our taxes went in in November. The first submission was lost in the mail.

Annelle also attended the Capwiz seminar.

Old Business:

Jane shared that she wrote to ALA and informed them we had endorsed The Resolution on the Use and Abuse of National Security Letters. She also sent notice to TN legislators. She got 2 responses: from John Turner and Bob Corker. She shared their letters. So far, the ALA reports that 37 states have now endorsed. Chrissie Anderson Peters resignation: Jane reported that the Executive Committee appointed Annelle as interim. She will attend Midwinter as our representative. We will put names on the ballot in the spring for that position next time around.

SELA: Jane received a letter from the SELA Site Conference Committee. They wanted to know if we were interested in doing joint meeting in 2009. Space is a concern at the Marriott so we turned him down again. Jane offered to assist in promoting SELA in other ways if we can.

Membership campaign: Chris Marzalek composed a letter to trustees and friends inviting them to join. It will be distributed.

Grinch Ice Sculpture: Jane saw a preview of this event at Opryland and reported it was fabulous. She encouraged all to attend.

New Business:

Archives:

The TN State Archives looked at a collection sample from TLA materials. They were fascinating. Featured were some 1958 correspondence. The items were not in acid free boxes. Jane asked about digitization. TLA will Go to go to TN Elec Virtual Archive and work with them to digitize and put on free microfilm. They meet monthly. Most of the post 1995 documents are with Annelle. We need to decide what to save and what not to. In practice it would be best to have a list of documents to be submitted for archiving every year. There also used to be restriction on access to the public but that would need to be addressed if the items are part of TN Electronic Virtual Archive. The Board should consider resolution to make those records open. Annellee said someone was working on digitization in the past but work never got completed. Bess Robinson knows status and the Archives Committee should contact her to find out.

ByLaws:

No Report. Jane asked about modifying By Laws to include conference site selection and finances duties to Annelle's position. This would eliminate 2 positions. She also included the State Librarian as financial participant.

Conference:

One change: notifications have been sent out for accepted presentations. Jane thanked the conference committee for their hard work. Nancy Pearl is the speaker for this year. Will also have a book reading a la one city one book event. The Camel Bookmobile. Author will be there to sign. Program looks great. Should be an exciting conference. Conf Comm needs to know when business meetings will be held.

Finance:
Report as submitted.

Honors and Awards:
One addition: 2 honors and awards have not been updated. Louise School Library Media Award needs updating. All others are up to date.

TN History:
The Committee selected 17 titles for nominations. Carol Roberts needs reviewers for these titles. Please contact her if interested.

Volunteer State:
No report.

Intellectual Freedom
Report as Submitted.

Legislation:
Report as Submitted. The representative mentioned that the legislative day sign up has gone out. Winning tactics for advocacy is the theme. Capwiz now has a link on the legislative page. Gives who your legislators are. It tracks issues and voting records. It also has pictures. National Legislative Day is May 13-14 in DC. The coordinator is Vivian Wynn.

Membership:
Report as Submitted. It was mentioned that the final membership number for 2007 was 746 (up 12). We hope to continue to increase. Members need to get out and talk to people. Make them aware. We had 6 new members as of December 1st. Keep plugging away!

Nominating:
Report as Submitted.

Publications:
Report as Submitted.

Editor TL
No Report.

Editor TLA Newsletter
No Report.

TLA Webmaster:
Public Relations:
Report as Submitted.

Scholarship:
Report as Submitted.

Staff Development:
Report as Submitted. Workshops went well. Brentwood had 110 registrants which clearly shows there is a need. The Leadership conference is upcoming in June. Jane is hoping for a conference call to plan this. The Board needs to talk it through and firm up details. The event runs Friday and Saturday June 6th and 7th at Montgomery Bell State Park. The goal is to create a smooth transition for incoming chairs by allowing the outgoing members to train their successors. Another goal is to promote leadership qualities for newcomers. Mentoring newer librarians into these positions is an idea. The TX Library Association has good example of such a conference which Jane shared.

Strategic Planning:
Report as Submitted.

Site Selection:
No Report.

ALA Representative:
Reported on already by Annelle (interim).

SELA:
No Report.

State Library:
TEL News! the Tennessee Newspapers product rolls out Dec 3rd, 2007. It is an Ebsco product. Another new product is Points of View Reference Series. Access to this is a little different so the TEL Web Comm is building a portal to bring it all together. The agreed to demo the portal at the close of the meeting.

CULS:
Report as Submitted.

Public Libraries:
Report as Submitted. The Tensco Scholarship of 500 is available. for a director or member who otherwise cannot attend TLA.

School Libraries:
Report as Submitted. TASL has sent out announcement about Legislative Day to encourage participation.

Special Libraries:
No Report.

Trustees & Friends:
No Report.

Childrens:
No Report.

Electronic Resources:
Report as Submitted

GODORT:
Report As Submitted

Library Instruction:
Report as Submitted.

Ref and Instruction:
Report as Submitted.

Technical Services:
Report as Submitted. Mark Danley is new chair. Valarie Adams is Vice Chair and May Hui is Secretary.

Boone Tree:
No Report.

CALA:


Report as Submitted.
 ETLA:
 Report as Submitted.
 Friends:
 No Report.
 Memphis Area:
 No Report.
 Mid State:
 No Report
 TASL:
 Report as Submitted.
 Tenn-Share:
 Scott Cohen represents Tenn Share, Penny was absent today
 Thesla:
 No Report.
 TLA Student Chapter:
 Report as Submitted. It was noted that a bus of students will be going to legislative day.
 Wetalc:
 Report as Submitted.

Other New Business:
 Nashville is reading Fahrenheit 451 for their city-wide book event.

Lawrence is reading Great Gatsby

Annelle then urged all Board members to read the Camel Bookmobile and attend the author's preconference at TLA. The book is about a librarian in Africa.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

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