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TLA Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: April 9, 2008, 5:00 PM
Meeting Location: Kingsport Public Library, Kingsport, TN

Attendance Record:

President Jane Pinkston
 Vice-President / President-elect Sue Szostak
 Recording Secretary Virginia Cairns
 Past President Pat Thompson Grossman
 Executive Director Annelle R. Huggins
 Advisory on State Documents
 Stephen Patrick
 Kevin Reynolds
 Archives & History
 Inga Fillipo
 Yildiz Binkley
 ByLaws / Procedures
 Louise Kelly
 Conference Planning / 2008
 Andy Hunt
 Finance
 Jeanne Sugg
 Annelle R. Huggins
 Honor / Awards
 Gayle Baker
 Mary Platt
 TN History Book Award
 Volunteer State Book Award
 Intellectual Freedom
 Jeanine Akers
 Legislation
 Vanessa Owen
 Cathy Farley
 Membership
 Missy Dillingham
 Nominating
 Gayla Hall
 Public Relations
 Dinah Harris
 Publications Advisory Board
 Martha Earl
 Louis Morgan
 Scholarship
 Lynette Sloan
 Frances Adams O'Brien
 Site Selection
 Annelle Huggins
 Staff Development
 Faith Holdredge
 Strategic Planning
 Pat Thompson
 Kathy Pagles
 College / University
 Gayla Hall
 Public
 School Dorothy Hooper X
 Special
 Martha Earl
 Trustee / Friends
 Children / Young Adults
 Missy Dillingham
 Electronic Resources
 Michael Hooper
 Government Documents
 Library Instruction
 Sharon Parents
 Reference / Information Services
 Technical Services
 Mark Danley
 CALA

Valarie Adams
 Boone Tree Library Association
 Theresa McMahon (sub)
 ETLA
 Friends of TN Libraries
 Memphis Area Library Council
 Mid-State Library Association
 TLA Student Chapter
 Jamie Osborn
 TASL
 Brenda Moriarty (sub)
 TENN-SHARE
 Susan Earl (sub)
 TheSLA
 WeTALC
 Tennessee Libraries
 Marie Jones
 TLA Book Reviews
 TLA Newsletter
 Amy Arnold
 TLA-L (List)
 TLA Webpage
 ALA Annelle R. Huggins
 SELA Sue Alexander
 State Library Jeanne Sugg

Meeting Called to Order at: 5:28 PM

Approval of Minutes: Mary Platt
 Seconded: Louis Morgan

President's Welcome:

Jane opened the meeting by thanking Helen Whitaker of the Kingsport Public Library for hosting us. Everyone introduced themselves (see attendance record above). Jane then outlined meeting procedures and the schedule.

The December Meeting minutes were amended slightly by Jane with the addition of the correct name of the ALA statement added. Mary Platt moved for approval and Louis Morgan seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

Executive Director and Financial reports were given by Annelle Huggins. On the financial end, we are over \$35,000 in membership monies. In addition, the association made \$5,449.69 at Legislative Day. Both TLA CDs matured and will be reinvested for another year. Aside from these brief comments from Annelle, the ED and Financial reports were filed as submitted.

Old Business:

Jane shared information on several letters written since last meeting. Of particular interest and concern was the Open Letter to the Mayor of Memphis crafted to address the sudden firing of several key library administrators at Memphis Public Library. Jane gave a short history of the events in Memphis that prompted the letter. The Executive Board drafted the letter in a joint effort and it was sent to several area newspapers. There were literally dozens of strongly favorable responses in the local papers in support of the TLA position. In more recent events, Mayor Herenton announced he would resign at the end of July, but there were some stipulations placed on his retirement so the situation is still uncertain at this point. In the meantime, Jeanne Sugg, State Librarian, has frozen all state and federal monies going to Memphis Public until a proper Library Board is put in place. Sue Szostak spoke out in favor of the TLA Board's prompt and professional response to the incident. In other business, Jane shared that a letter was sent to ALA in support of the Center for Young Adult Literature Lecture Series at UT. It is a national children's literature lecture and William Dean Myers is the speaker.

Next Jane shared a handout on the Association's Continuing Education Initiative. A Continuing Education Summit meeting was held and 42 people were able to attend to talk about how we could collaborate better on CE across the state. A list of steps was outlined at this meeting which forms a strategic plan for CE. Jane noted that a CE clearinghouse will be hosted on the TLA website. A centralized calendar will also be hosted. Other highlights from the Summit include a CE meeting at each TLA Annual Conference and articles spotlighting CE in the TLA Newsletter. A Coordinating Committee will work in this area. At the Summit, Customer Service rose to the top of the list as the highest priority training need and has been formally adopted as a theme for Continuing Education efforts this year.

Jane urged all Board members to put June 6th and 7th on your calendars as the dates for the upcoming Leadership Conference at Montgomery Bell State Park. Jane hopes we can have the full board plus incoming appointees and other interested librarians who might not have had leadership experience before. The idea is to have an expanded conversation as we pass the torch from one set of officers to the next and grow new leadership talent. The schedule includes a motivational speaker, a session on the history of TLA, a session on the committee structure of TLA, a session on communication and a session for interchange between outgoing and incoming board members. Please be sure and reserve your spot with Annelle by May 21st 2008.

New Business:

Committee Reports were addressed as follows:

- 1 Advisory on State Documents
As rsubmitted.
- 2 Archives & History

Jane commented that the TLA documents at the state archives need weeding. It is a valuable collection. The state archives could microfilm the documents and create a CD of images for posting on the website. Regardless of what happens, the material needs to be gone through. Anelle commented that the same two individuals will continue to chair the group and there will be some continuation so the hope is that work will get done.

- 3 By-Laws and Procedures
 - No report
- 4 Conference Planning
 - As submitted (paper report distributed at the meeting). We have 360 registrants. 43 vendors. Jane thanked Andy and Kay as well as others for their hard work on the conference.
- 5 Finance
 - As submitted
- 6 Honors & Awards
 - As submitted
- 6a TN History Book Award
 - As submitted
- 6b Volunteer State Book Award
 - As submitted
- 7 Intellectual Freedom
 - There were some strong contenders for the IF award. The winners are Jan Allen and Bruce Bow who faced a censorship challenge.
- 8 Legislation
 - National Library Legislative day is May 13th. The group is working on READ posters from Legislative Day. Sue commended the organizers on how well the event went.
- 9 Membership
 - As submitted
- 10 Nominating
 - Results: ALA Councilor is Kevin Reynolds, Recording Secretary is Bess Robinson, Vice President/President-Elect is Nancy Renfro
- 11 Publications Advisory Board
 - Martha Earl reported that Melissa Brenneman is going to create podcasts of the TLA sessions.
- 11a Editor, TN Libraries
- 11b Editor, TLA Newsletter
- 11c TLA Webmaster Kaneese Woods resigned as of April. Anelle will serve as interim.
- 12 Public Relations
 - As submitted
- 13 Scholarship
 - As submitted
- 14 Staff Development
 - As submitted
- 15 Strategic Planning
 - As submitted
- 16 Site Selection
 - The conference will be outside Nashville next year.
- 17 ALA
 - As submitted
- 18 SELA
 - As submitted
- 19 State Library
 - As submitted
- 20 College & University Libraries
 - As submitted
- 21 Public Libraries
 - As submitted
- 22 School Libraries
 - There is an upcoming session on educational databases at the conference that will inform school librarians about available products and trials.
- 23 Special Libraries T
 - he Special Libraries section is sponsoring a program with Thesia on Disaster Planning tomorrow at 10:00. The session is for all library types.
- 24 Trustees / Friends
 - No report
- 25 Children's Young Adults
 - As submitted
- 26 Electronic Resources Mgt
 - As submitted
- 27 Godort
 - As submitted
- 28 Library Instruction
 - Incoming Chair is Christy West, incoming Vice Chair is Louis Morgan.
- 29 Reference / Information Svcs
 - As submitted
- 30 Technical Services
 - As submitted
- 31 Boone Tree Library Assoc.
 - Spring meeting was March 25th There were 2 by-laws changes. A Webmaster position was added and the meeting schedule was changed to 4 meetings per year. They also funded 4 scholarships for TLA. The Elsie Draper Barrett Award was given.
- 32 CALA
 - As submitted
- 33 ETLA

- As submitted
- 34 Friends of TN Libraries
 - No report
- 35 Memphis Area Library Council
 - No report
- 36 Mid-State Library Assoc.
 - No report
- 37 TASL
 - Correction: Janette Lambert cannot attend National Legislative Day
- 38 Tenn-Share
- As submitted
- 39 THeSLA
 - As submitted
- 40 TLA Student Chapter Vandy Owen and Cathy Farley did a brown bag session on legislative day. 18 students went as a result. This effort made a big difference in turnout for the legislative day event.
- 41 WeTALC
 - As submitted

Other New Business:

Sue Szostak at Motlow State just opened a new library – it is gorgeous! Jane suggested everyone go visit it. Sue sent a thank you note for plant given in honor of grand opening. TLA does recognize new buildings. Please be sure and let Annelle know if you complete a building project.

Jane adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm.
Respectfully Submitted by Virginia Cairns, April 14, 2008.

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