

Secretary's Council on Library Development

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November 20, 2015

Members present: Donna Bacon, Karla Geerlings, Regina Cooper, Beverly Price, James Diel, Mary Beth Revels, Scotty Walker, Sharla Buthod, Kathryn Sanders, Renee DePriest (by conference call), and Christie Lundy (by conference call).

Absent: Trevor Dawes, Sen. Jamilah Nasheed, Buddy Pennington, Rep. Tommie Pierson, Sen. Jeanie Riddle, Michelle Schmitt, Katrina Stierholz, Rep. Kathryn Swan.

Guests: Gerald Brooks, Tracy Byerly, Megan Bryant, Jean Sullivan.

Staff present: Waheedah Bilal, Terry Blauvelt (attended by conference call), Lisa Hellman, Sarah Irwin, Megan Lusk, Amy Nickless, Marsha Posz, Barbara Reading, Donna Riegel, Abbey Rimel, Debbie Musselman, and Shay Young.

The quarterly meeting of Secretary's Council was held on Friday, November 20, 2015. Sanders served as meeting chair. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Council members and guests introduced themselves. There were no announcements.

Votes on Meeting Minutes

Sanders asked for a vote and review of the July 31, 2015 meeting minutes. Corrections were noted. Cooper motioned, Geerlings seconded. Minutes approved, none opposed.

Council Protocols

Sanders moved to the proposed changes and additions to the Council protocols. Reading asked if there were any changes or questions regarding the change. Geerlings moved to accept addition of item #12. Revels seconded. There were questions that Sanders answered. The changes were passed. None opposed.

The second change to the protocols regarding the selection of the new chair, and when the Chair is appointed for the Council was discussed by Reading. Diel motioned to approve the change. Cooper seconded. Changes were passed. None opposed.

FY17 Budget, Library Appropriations, and MLA Legislative Agenda; MPLD/MLA Advocacy

Sanders moved onto the FY17 Budget, Library Appropriations, and MLA Legislative Agenda; MPLD/MLA Advocacy. Reading and Gerald Brooks presented. Sanders said that the

Secretary of State (SOS) staff will do what they can to get the budget approved by the Governor but needed the Council to be in contact with their legislators. Members stated that they didn't feel the SOS office did enough to support libraries. Brooks explained the MLA plan for the upcoming year to help restore library funding. Brooks stated it is time for the library community to contact and spend time with their legislators and show the legislators how the REAL Program, State Aid, and A&E monies are used. Sanders asked what else the libraries can do to help the legislators understand what the library does in the communities they serve. Brooks stated that as many people as possible needed to be in Jefferson City, MO on Library Advocacy Day at the Capitol and to start talking to legislators as soon as possible.

Regina Cooper stated that the wording needed to be changed in the MLA Legislative Priorities for 2016. Discussion followed. Brooks stated that he understands the SOS office doesn't want to be in the front of the line, but expects the SOS office to support the libraries and MLA. Revels stated that she wanted to make sure everyone has the same voice and same message to the legislators for greater impact. Reading answered questions from the Council.

Revels moved to create a resolution for MLA to suggest specific funding levels for the REAL Program and State Aid. Geerlings seconded. Diel clarified the Council needed to approve the statement first before submitting. Sanders called for a motion. All approved. None opposed. Revels will write the statement. More discussion followed.

Racing to Read update – E-book opportunity

Sanders moved to the next item on the agenda, the Racing to Read update. Debbie Musselman and Lisa Hellman presented. Reading then discussed the next steps to move the youth reading programs forward; one option is preschool level e-book collections. Musselman and Hellman discussed some options for e-books, how they worked, and how they would be utilized by Missouri libraries. Reading asked the Council to endorse the State Library's procurement of a preschool ebook contract for public libraries only. Geerlings moved for endorsement. Walker seconded. None opposed. One abstained. Motion passed.

New Business; Election of Chair; Meeting dates for 2016

Sanders opened the floor for nominations for the new Secretary's Council chair. She discussed what the role of the chair entailed and Reading elaborated on some of those duties. Reading announced the members that were eligible for chair. Walker motioned Karla Geerlings to be the new chair. Buthod seconded. Council approved. None opposed.

Sanders moved to the Council meeting dates for 2016. Reading announced open dates and asked the Council to choose the meeting dates. The Council chose the dates of April 22, July 29, and November 18, 2016.

Reading spoke about the recruitment of new members. She has some nominees and is moving forward with the vetting process. She also asked the Council for any suggestions of people that may be interested in the open positions.

Lunch Break from 12:00- 12:30

Announcement

Buthod had an announcement to the Council about DESE. She pointed out that there is no legislation requiring a school to have a library. Buthod had a question about the Council writing a resolution showing support for MASL and school libraries. Sanders recommended studying the

issue and coming up with an action plan for the Secretary's Council spring 2016 meeting. The Council agreed to review the issue.

Council Resolution

Sanders presented the resolution written by Revels for FY17 library appropriations, requesting that MLA change their legislative priorities. The resolution reads: "Be it resolved that the Secretary's Council on Library Development supports a change in the "Missouri Library Association's Legislative Priorities for 2016" statement so that the REAL Program and State Aid funding be restored to the FY2015 budget levels."

Explanation: This clarifies the MLA Legislative Priorities statement, since the Secretary of State's 2017 budget request presented to Governor Nixon is for the reduced amounts approved by the Legislature for the FY2016 budget year.

Some discussion followed. Revels made a motion for approval. Price seconded. Approved by the Council on 11/20/15. None opposed.

Reference Services Update

Waheedah Bilal and Sarah Irwin spoke about the new Keeping Up news clippings service format. Irwin also presented the outreach efforts, training, and information classes Reference Services offers to State Government Employees.

Wolfner Library Update

Donna Riegel presented some of the activities Wolfner Library has been doing the last quarter. Wolfner Library has been focusing on outreach to residential homes, BARD updates, and circulating board and card games that are able to be used by sighted as well as blind persons. Riegel also talked about staff training and the Wolfner Adult Reading Club. Riegel answered all questions the Council posed.

Community Engagement webinar

Debbie Musselman presented a recap of the Community Webinar series held in September 2015. The first session was understanding what community engagement is, the second session was about communicating with stakeholders, and the third session was about identifying and developing sustained partnerships.

LSTA update: working with new SPR; Summary of FY13 award; outlook for FY16 award and statewide projects for FY17

Debbie Musselman, Shay Young, and Terry Blauvelt presented. Blauvelt reviewed the LSTA targets that have been met and the ones still being worked on by libraries. Musselman discussed grant awards this year compared to last year and reallocation of funds to other projects. Musselman also talked about the courier service and possible changes, Missouri Evergreen growth, Missouri Digital Heritage (MDH) activities, and Continuing Education planning.

Shay Young spoke about the new State Program Report (SPR) that opened for data entry on October 29, 2015. Young spoke about the FY13 grant awards and referenced the handout showing the breakdown and use of funds. Reading pointed out that pieces of the SPR will be made public.

State Librarians Report

Reading presented the State Librarians report and talked about personnel changes in the library. She also noted the updated Public Library Consultants job description; she announced that the new Public Library Consultant will start December 1, 2015. Carl Wingo retired in October 2015 after almost twenty years of service; the library is actively interviewing for his replacement.

Reading announced that MDH had joined MO/HUB/DPLA, and would start adding material to the DPLA collection. She also spoke about the University of Missouri Master of Library Sciences program. There has been a follow up from the University of Missouri, and ALA (American Library Association) is reviewing the appeal of the accreditation withdrawal. There were no questions or comments regarding the State Librarians report.

Adjournment

Sanders called for adjournment. Cooper moved. Diel seconded. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.