Western Massachusetts Library Advocates

April 19, 2018

Bluebonnett Diner, Northampton

Minutes

The meeting began at 11:15 am following the Idea Share Breakfast.

Members present: Mike Moran, Mary Kronholm, Jan Resnick, Dan Paquette, Katherine Hand, Betty Johnson, Lynn Coakley, Deb Kern, Joe Rodio, and Mary Anne Antonellis

March minutes – tabled until next meeting

MLA Basket – folks brought contributions, Nora will assemble into basket and bring to MLA.

Treasurer report

Balance as of March 12, 2018: $8,922.01

One new membership

$50 paid to Palmer Library for advocacy postage

Betty made a motion to accept the treasurer report, Dan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MLS scholarships – no applications to date. Deb will email info about scholarships to directors, CWINFO, WMRLS

Lynn received an email from the Forbes Library about cosponsoring a screening of Ex Libris: The New York Public Library. Mary Anne made a motion that we spend up to $100 for refreshments for the screening. Katherine seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Deb will let Lisa at the Forbes know about our interest in the film.

October meeting at GCC

Mary Anne made a motion to approve spending $7.50 per person for refreshments, provided by GCC catering. Dan seconded. Passed unanimously.

Concerns about MLS Director hiring process

Joe wrote a letter to the committee regarding the lack of small library representation on the committee.

One member of that committee suggested that since she was a Trustee of a small library that small libraries were represented.

Bibliotemps does not work for small libraries because of the $1,000 fee if a library choses to permanently hire a temp.

WMLA will consider inviting James Lonergan again.

MLA is having a meet & greet in Northampton on May 9th.

Nora, Eliza, Dan and Deb are a subcommittee who are working on improving our communication tools.

Next meeting May 17th in South Hadley. The June meeting will be the 21st at Bay Path, July 26th at Sunderland (prize stuffing) and August 16th in Hatfield.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Antonellis, Clerk