

MINUTES
North Texas Regional Library System
Board of Directors Meeting
March 25, 2010

The North Texas Regional Library System Board of Directors held a meeting on March 25, 2010 at NTRLS, 6320 Southwest Blvd, Suite 101, Fort Worth, TX, 76109.

Board Members Present: Barbara Chayer, Chair, Region 7
Ray Stephens, Vice Chair, Region 3
Bill Whiteside, Region 5
Cecil Carter, Parliamentarian, At Large
Kenneth Haas, Region 6
Joseph Brawner, Treasurer, At Large
Patricia Jefferson, Region 2
Kay Clark, Region 4
Adam Wright, Executive Director, *ex-officio member*

Board Members Absent: Dana Wood, Region 1
NTRLS Staff Present: Lynn Gritta, dona weisman, Nell Callison

Guests Present: Dale Fleeger

ASSIGNMENTS/ACTIONS ACCEPTED:

None.

MOTIONS:

Agenda Items B.1. Approval of Minutes. Jefferson moved to approve. Haas seconded. Passed.
Agenda Item B.2. Approval of POS 2011. Jefferson moved to approve. Clark seconded. Passed.
Agenda B.3. Approval of Online Career Counseling Service Contract. Haas moved to approve. Whiteside seconded. Passed.
Agenda Item H. Carter appointed as liaison to LFNT Board. Clark approved. Whiteside seconded. Passed.
Agenda Item J. Bylaws Revision Committee to rewrite Articles of Inc & revise Bylaws. Carter moved to approve. Haas seconded. Passed.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barbara Chayer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of February 25, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Pat Jefferson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ken Haas seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2. Consideration of Plan of Service 2011

Pat Jefferson made a motion to approve the Plan of Service 2011. Kay Clark seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

3. Consideration of Online Career Counseling Service Contract

Ken Haas made a motion to accept the Brainfuse contract for Online Career Counseling Service Contract. Bill Whiteside seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

C. BOARD REPORTS

Each Board Member reported that their Region meetings were well attended and very informative.

D. MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Adam Wright reported the financials are in good shape; however, Walt Hatter was a little concerned that we are spending our funds too slowly.

E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adam reported that the classes Carolyn is teaching for Texas Workskills Development in Libraries are going very well, but transporting the mobile lab is a difficult and weighty task. TSLAC has granted prior approval for a small trailer to be purchased to house the labs for transport. Adam mentioned that Justin Public Library has joined the North Texas Library Consortium. He also reported the membership drive for the System hit a snag because the deadline to report new members for the funding formula stats had already passed. New membership will not be reflected in the funding formula until FY2012.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

G. NTRLS STAFF SPOTLIGHT – dona weisman

Adam introduced dona weisman as the Conference Coordinator and she briefed the Board on the four different special interest group conferences and the Accessibility Fairs and showed special needs equipment.

H. DISCUSSION OF SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

Adam gave an update on the Close the Book on Hunger campaign and that NTLF received \$2,000 from Devon Energy and more sponsors are being sought out. There was much discussion about LFNT possibly disbanding due to lack of membership and help available to volunteer and keep the foundation alive. Nell Callison and Leanna Cowan had to resign from the board due to work and personal conflicts. Adam and the Board discussed the foundation acting more as a Friends group and recruiting lay persons to serve as library directors and staff are already overwhelmed with their workloads. It was recommended that Friends groups can join and share a percentage of the funds raised to utilize in their own libraries. Cecil Carter and Kay Clark recommended Paula Salfors, Director at Saginaw, to be on the LFNT Board. Cecil Carter volunteered to be a liaison on the LFNT board. Kay Clark made a motion to recommend Cecil Carter be appointed as a liaison to the LFNT board. Bill Whiteside seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

I. DISCUSSION OF CONSORTIUM PRICING PROGRAM

The Board was briefed on the consortium pricing program that NTRLS is administering for Learning Express, Tutor.com, Overdrive, RefUSA, Jobview and Evergreen. The Northeast Library System has come on board as a partner. At least 20 percent of our libraries are participating to date.

J. DISCUSSION OF BYLAWS REVISIONS – DALE FLEEGER

Dale Fleeger, Director at Weatherford Public Library, recommended the Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws be revised to better reflect the operation and functions of NTRLS and NTLP as a nonprofit. NTLP needs to have the freedom to pursue revenue streams that will not be state controlled. After a question and answer period, Cecil Carter made a motion that the Bylaws Revisions Committee continue with investigating how to bring about a more flexible system of operation for NTRLS and NTLP. Ken Haas seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

K. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nell Callison and Dale Fleeger had both reported on the status of the Library Foundation of North Texas and their recommendations for the foundation.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

M. SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set for April 22, 2010 at 10:00 am.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Chayer adjourned the meeting at 12:03 pm.

Approved by _____

Date _____