

Marmot Library Network, Inc.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

July 12-13, 2007

123 North 7th Street, Grand Junction, Colorado

MINUTES

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PRESENT:

Donna Miller (School libraries), President
Beth Avery (At-Large), Vice-President
Kathy Chandler (At-Large)
Mary Anne Hanson-Wilcox (Public Libraries)
Mindy White (Academic Libraries)
Joel Robinson (ex officio), Executive Director

ABSENT:

None

ALSO ATTENDING:

None

President Donna Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30pm and the roll was called to establish that a quorum was present to conduct business.

Mary Anne Hanson-Wilcox moved, seconded by Beth Avery, to approve the Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Beth Avery moved approval of the Minutes of the April 12-13 and May 11, 2007 meetings. Mindy White seconded the motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

Joel Robinson gave his report. Since the meeting, a new Assistant to the Executive Director has been hired and will begin work at Marmot August 20th.

The financial reports were reviewed and discussed.

There was a discussion under task force reports to create a new standing committee of library directors to recommend new initiatives to the Board and membership. A committee charge will be drafted for the next meeting. Kathy Chandler made a motion to appoint new members to the current task forces: Data Base Task Force, Judi Hoffman-Bashant, Mesa County Public Patti Clark, Mesa Valley Schools, Fruita Monument High School; Circulation Task Force, Laurie Gomez, Mesa County Public Library Janet Noland, Mesa Valley Schools, BTK; M.U.G. Planning Committee, Donna Miller, Mesa Valley Schools. Mindy White seconded the motion and it carried.

The first draft of the Budget for 2007-8 was discussed. Changes will be incorporated into a final draft to be approved at the next meeting.

There was a discussion of the positive and negative factors in purchasing the building housing the Marmot offices. More information will be gathered for the next meeting if the building has not sold. Marmot's primary concern is keeping its current quarters. However, owning would be more logical if the building were closer to the size Marmot needs. We occupy 26% of the usable space. Investing in the building would seriously deplete cash reserves.

The Board reviewed the Directors' Council meeting held in May. It was decided to start a new Strategic Plan during next year's meeting. Several locations were suggested that would lend a "retreat" setting. Facilitators were considered to help with the planning process, including an environmental scan in advance of the meeting.

The meeting was recessed to attend the reception for the director candidates at Mesa County Public Library.

The meeting resumed July 13th at 8:30AM

The Board reviewed plans for the upcoming Marmot Users' Group staff development conference. It was suggested that the quarterly tech forum pre-conference be expanded to include sessions of interest to academic and school librarians.

The annual evaluation of the director and staff will be completed at the next meeting. Each Board member will contact member library directors for feedback.

New Member Service Agreements were presented for Mesa State College and Grand County Library District. Kathy Chandler moved their approval. Beth Avery seconded the motion and it carried.

Beth Avery has resigned to accept the position of Head, Research and Instruction at the library school at the University of North Texas. The Board expressed their appreciation for all she has done for the Board and Marmot. In accordance with the By-laws, President Miller will appoint a Council member to fill the vacancy until the next annual election.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Secretary