

Minnesota Library Association
Support Staff and Paraprofessional Interest section meeting
Friday, October 8, 2010
Civic Center in Rochester, MN

Present: Brian Dahlvig (aka: Matt Damon), Chris Lang (aka: Anne Murray),
Marcia Semerau (aka: Marcia Gay Harden), Jo Ann Toussaint (aka: Nancy Pearl)

Jo Ann, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:18 a.m.

Agenda add on – select a secretary for this meeting. Marcia “elected”. Agenda accepted with addition.

Not enough members were present for a quorum to conduct business.

Minutes from SSPiN meeting on October 15, 2009 – accepted as written.

Business:

1. Membership

- A. Difficult because Legacy has infiltrated peoples' lives
- B. MLA membership fees went up
- C. Membership billing has been confusing, at times missed
- D. MLA structure changeover to Nonprofit Solutions, work with this change
- E. Piggy back SSPiN and Branch Out somehow
 - a. SSPiN as an organization is member based
 - b. Branch Out is a 2-day conference that a group comes together and focuses on planning the event every other year
- F. Presence (staffed table) at EQS, Branch Out and other library sponsored events
- G. How necessary is SSPiN?
- H. Brian may start a blog to connect with members
- I. SSPiN newsletter, presence on MLA website
- J. Showcase members in the newsletter and/or blog
- K. Can we connect with Wisconsin or the Dakota's for networking opportunities
- L. Connect with those who have let their membership lapse

2. Budget – need to create one and present it to MLA, SSPiN receives \$5.00 per member

- A. 2010 - \$165, possibly pay for a conference session presenter
- B. 2011 - \$105 (21 members in 2010), suggested using it for a Branch Out scholarship
- C. Do funds carry over to the next year if not used in the current fiscal year?
- D. Wanted to do a PR giveaway (i.e.: coaster, screen sweep, magnet) – not enough funds to do this

3. Sessions for SSPiN to sponsor at next year's conference – invite suggestions
4. Update SSPiN's section of the MLA procedures manual – the copy Jo Ann shared from the MLA website is not the most current copy that SSPiN has updated and voted on. Need to locate the latest copy and submit it to MLA.
5. Officers – status quo, Jo Ann will continue as Chair and Brian as Chair-Elect for the time being. They may call a meeting in the Twin Cities in a week or two to further discuss this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia K. Semerau