Massachusetts School Library Association March 12, 2024 4:30-6:00 pm Zoom

Executive Summary Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Mike Caligiuri
Sue Doherty
Barb Fecteau
PJ Feymann
Emily Kristofek
Emma Kwon
Nutan Mathew
Caludia Palframan
Tinamarie Sheckells
Colleen Simpson
Ella Stocker
Jen Varney

- 1. Welcome, check in, call to order, approve minutes of February meeting--- Barb called the meeting to order at 4:32pm. Motion to approve the minutes by Tinamarie, seconded by Jen, motion carried.
- 2. Barb will be attending the Lynnfield School Committee meeting to follow in support of Janice Alpert. There are potential cuts to the library program at LHS.
- 3. Social Media: Barb: Welcome to Nutan Mathew.
- 4. Jen announced the nomination for President Elect, to be President of MSLA July 1st, 2025-June 30th, 2027: Reba Tierney. Barb proposed a motion to accept the nomination, Tinamarie seconded, motion carried.
- 5. Commending/Action Resolutions for ALA: work in progress until May, Jen will follow up
- 6. Website: after the conference, Emily and Anne will migrate the website to Wild Apricot.

5. Updates:

- Regional Updates:
 - SE Sue & Colleen: lunch meet up at conference, Mass Cue panel for AI 4/11.
 - o WEST meeting in April
 - o BOS Iris: planning for April event and looking for PD opportunity
 - o CEN Mike: meet up mid April
 - MW Rebecca:
 - NE Tinamarie & PJ: trivia planned for Spring; elementary librarian outreach to welcome newcomers

- o TECH meet up at MSLA Conference
- Outreach: Debbie: see reportTreasurer: Daisy: see report
- Awards: Ella: working on awards. On MBLC Commissioner search committee.
- Georgina: Advocacy: see report.
- Forum: Luke and Michelle:
 - Met with Nutan, content in Forum to be shared via social media, looking for opportunities to amplify and promote MSLA's activities and initiatives.
 - Next Forum May 5th; thanks to Emily for new format. Looking to interview a new librarian, please send names to Luke.
- Liaisons: Sue Doherty: asking if the union is helping the librarian in Lynnfield. Attending a breakfast with Boston teacher union leaders, discussing inequities in school libraries. Asking for \$20 per student. Reaching out to Emily Drabinski for a meeting.
- Liaisons: PJ: Liaison to MLA. Helping to set up one-click politics: link to communicate with senators and law makers.
- Union liaison: The MTA is addressing the issue of book challenges as the NEA is
 planning a meeting with NEA counsel present; look for updates on the listsery.
- Conference: Alix: see report. Conference March 17 & 18.
- Office: Emily busy with conference registration and membership renewals.

6. Other items:

- MLA: Bill Track 50 and One Click Politics
 - Bill Track 50 pulls together all info related to school library legislation and sends out alerts to subscribers
 - One Click Politics is a way to help craft letters to advocate for school libraries
- MTCBA/MCBA meet up re: summer reading; looking for regional board members to lead their school library regions in partnership with their local libraries to develop summer reading programs. Claudia is on the MLS Board, happy to help.
- Barb: shout out to Sue Larson MTBC Awards.

Motion to adjourn: Tinamarie seconded Claudia, motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned 5:05 pm.