**METROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

Thursday. October 29, 2015, 2:01 P.M.

Central Piedmont Community College, Harris Campus, Building H1 Room 2112

3210 CPCC Harris Campus Drive, Charlotte

**Attendance:** Brenda Almeyda, Paula Brown, Rebecca Freeman, Valerie Freeman, Jo Henry, Melinda Livas, Rae Lovvorn, Richard Moniz, LaJuan Pringle, ~~Sherrill Shiraz~~, Doug Short, Betty Thomas, Michael Winecoff

**Board Membership Changes**. Robert Bryan has moved to Virginia and Janet DeSantis has withdrawn from her position on the Board.

**Minutes**. The September 17th meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report.** Jo distributed the Treasurer’s report. Our ending balance is $8,751.80. She reported that because the Library Freedom Project cost us $598.26 with an income of $305.00, the workshop resulted in a loss of $293.26. Jo recommended we make up the $300.

**Library Freedom Project Workshop**. LaJuan reported that we had 25 people in attendance. 8 people (32% ) responded to the follow-up survey. Most of the comments were overwhelmingly positive. The more negative comments were questions about usefulness of the more extreme methods of securing privacy; that the session wasn’t as library related as they expected; and that there was too much information. Board members discussed their thoughts about the success of the session and details of the information presented by Alison Macrina. Consensus of the group was that it was a really good program.

**Annual MLA Conference**. Jo and Richard reported that they had tried to see the person at CPCC prior to our meeting to lock in a date during the week of June 12th. Richard mentioned a commitment to the school librarians to have the conference after the end of the school year. We discussed moving to July and the decision was made to stay in June because of vacations and fiscal year considerations. Richard suggested a weekend conference. **Decision**: meet with the CPCC person after the meeting and see if we can schedule it that week or push it back in June.

**Social event**. Rebecca reported that the social will be Saturday, November 7th from 6 to 8 pm at VGBG. While we would like to partner with Charlotte Mecklenburg Library in the future, this will be just MLA members.

**December 11th Luncheon.** Fontanella’s in Matthews, where we went last year has closed. Rebecca reported on three options: Fran’s Filling Station, Olde Mecklenburg Brewery, and Buca di Beppo Italian. She brought menus. Buca di Beppo actually has another event going on at the same time. Fran’s Filling Station is a small venue. Everyone would pay for their own food and there would be some options. They would close off part for us. OMB would be a separate room. Easy access. $200 for two hours for room. $15 per person menu. $250 refundable deposit. Good sized room. Last year we had 18 people attend. In prior years at the Art Institute we had 25/30.

**Decision**: The board made a unanimous decision to go with OMB. Jo to find out the details. There will be two-tiered pricing for members and non-members. The amount to be determined based on cost.

Time. 11:30 to 1:30 pm.

Program. Richard to reach out to Anne Cooper Moore, Dean of the J. Murray Atkins Library at UNC Charlotte and Eric Shoaf, University Librarian at Queens University of Charlotte to confirm. They will speak about what’s happening and new directions for their libraries. Agenda is to have the speakers talk for 20 to 25 minutes and then eat.

Back-up plan is to have it at the Innovation Lab at Johnson & Wales with Chartwells to cater.

**Elections**. Doug brought up the board election. The Vice President position is open. Doug said he would post tomorrow to solicit interest. November 13th would be the due date. The election would run until December 4th. The winner would be announced at the December luncheon. Historically, that was the reason for the December luncheon.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 19th at 2-4 pm in Conference Room at Harris Campus.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Directly after the meeting, a committee of the board met with the CPCC representative and settled on June 9th as the date of the conference. We are on a waiting list for Thursday, June 16th.