

Annual Business Meeting 6/24/2015

This year's speaker was Scott Bonner, Director Ferguson Municipal Public Library. Scott talked about the library since the 'riots' last August.

President Jill Bright called the meeting to order. She then thanked Cheryl for inviting Scott Bonner to speak. She also thanked Matthews Medical Books for hosting the Luncheon and Renee Gorrell, program director, for coordinating.

The minutes from last year's business meeting were approved as disseminated.

Denise Hannibal, Treasurer, gave a review from the last year. This included the renewal of the tax exempt status. In December of 2014 the State of Missouri changed their tax exempt status process. We sent a continuing tax exemption letter that does not expire.

In July we wrote to the IRS asking for a copy of our 501(3)c acceptance letter. We received two copies in May of 2015.

A 990N IRS for small tax exempt organizations was filed in February 2015.

Denise looked into Amazon associates. Unfortunately a law was passed in Missouri that no one can use the associate program. There is another program available, but it was found to be more charity oriented, and the board decided not to pursue this. All Amazon links were then removed from the organization's website.

We stayed within the budget this year. We had \$1020 in income and \$339 in expenses. This was largely due to Renee finding two free programs.

Program attendance – Discussion took place about why people may not be coming to programs. A couple people mentioned that late afternoon was bad due to child care and other issues. A couple people also mentioned that paying for programs may serve as an incentive. A survey of the membership for reasons they may not be participating was proposed and Betsy Kelly volunteered to work on this. Survey would be followed up with phone calls.

Bylaws – These were emailed before the meeting to look over. No questions were raised. A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated bylaws and was approved.

Dues Increase-Last time dues were increased was approximately ten years ago. Discussion took place. One suggestion was to make sure new members/librarians knew about the group and that cost was separate from MLA. A motion was made to vote on the increase today and was accepted. A motion was then made to increase the dues from \$20 to \$25. A vote took place and the motion passed.

Dennis Eliceiri, President Elect- gave the Strategic Plan evaluation. (see attached) It was mentioned that membership is now up to 59 from the 57 noted.

Jennifer Platt, on behalf of Maria Minowitz, passed out awards and recognitions for those serving on committees or are on the board.

Jennifer Platt also announced that 31 votes were cast and that Valerie Meyer will be President Elect.

Jill Bright then presided over passing the gavel to Dennis Eliceiri, to make him officially President.

The new board was then recognized by Dennis. The new board is:

Programs -- President Elect – Valerie Meyer

- Nominating - Past President - Jill Bright
- Communications Co-Chairs – Member-at-Large #1 and #2 – Jamie Conklin & Angela Hardi
- Awards & Recognition – Waiting to hear back, interested party on vacation until 6/29
- Governance -- Marysue Schaffer
- Membership –Lauren Yeager
- Archives – Phillip Skroska

Treasurer – Denise Hannibal

Secretary – Angela Spencer

Cheryle Cann made an announcement regarding StoryCorps. StoryCorps wants to record peoples' stories for generations to come.

Jackie Hittner also made an announcement about this year's MCMLA being a virtual meeting held October 7-8th. She encouraged everyone to look at the program and attend if possible.