

SLSSLA

St. Louis Suburban School Librarians Association
Regional Affiliate of MASL (Missouri Association of School Librarians)

Annual Fall Meeting

October 10, 2013

Brittany Woods Middle School, 8125 Groby Road, University City, MO 63130

- I. 4:30 pm – Dinner - Vernon’s BBQ, 6707 Vernon Ave., St. Louis, MO 63130

Members could decide to pay \$10 for dinner.

- II. 5:00 pm – Business Meeting

- A. Welcome & Introductions – Members of the Executive Board were introduced.
- B. Margaret Sullivan talked about MASL Fall Professional Day – Saturday 11/2/13, 9:00am - 2:30pm, Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City. Attendees will have workshops in legislative hearing rooms, and will dine, visit with exhibitors and listen to the keynote in the capitol rotundas; keynote speaker for the event is DESE's Dr. Hap Hairston, who will be speaking on the new performance based evaluation standards for Missouri's school librarians.
- C. Jennifer Millikan encouraged SLSSLA members to also join MASL (Missouri Association of School Librarians), which is a separate registration fee. Information on joining MASL can be found on the www.maslonline.org website.
- D. Jennifer encouraged all SLSSLA members to attend the 2014 MASL Spring Conference – Sunday, 4/13/14 thru Tuesday, 4/15/14; it will be held at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel. Valet parking is available if you prefer not to walk to a parking lot and parking is complimentary for MASL conference attendees. We plan to wear Cardinal Red to show to St. Louis Suburban contingency at the conference.
- E. Margaret Sullivan gave us an update on DESE Certifications. Once requirements for all certification areas are presented at the October 22 State Board of Education meeting,, there will be a 30-day public comment period. This can include any comments you may wish to share regarding the role or partial role the Praxis test may play. Ruth Durham, a member who attended the MO Library Coordinator’s Meeting, said that the Praxis will be replaced with a new test. There is discussion that the process will include a personality test to see if you are suited for the teaching position, a performance test, and a content test. In addition, there was some discussion at the coordinator meeting of the courses that might be necessary for a Praxis-certified librarian to take once obtaining a job as a librarian.

Jennifer reminded that the discussion should emphasize how to establish and maintain the standards and integrity of our profession. Members may email any members of the executive board with comments.

Kelly Werthmuller asked for a show of hands of those present who had gained certification via the Praxis test.

F. Vote on Constitution changes proposed at last meeting (3/5/13)

The Constitution Changes include the following: Basic language changes (chairman to chairperson), more clearly defined officer roles, split up executive council terms to stagger new officers (2-yr terms; President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer in odd-numbered years and Vice-President and Membership Secretary in even-numbered years), proposed amendments 30 days prior to meeting instead of preceding meeting.

In 2015 a new slate of officers will be chosen. The term will be for two years, except for the Vice President and Membership Secretary who will fulfill a one year term. In 2016 an election for Vice President and Membership Secretary will occur and these members will assume a 2 year term.

A motion to vote on the proposed changes was made by Maria Barron and a second was given by Robin Richee. The proposed changes were unanimously approved by the members present.

G. Jennifer Millikan told members that there will also be a Spring Meeting. The date and location will be determined at a future date. If anyone has suggestions on the location or the topics addressed at the meeting, she can email any executive board member.

H. State Librarian – A member inquired if the State Librarian had been replaced. Another member said that Barbara Reading is currently the State Librarian.

I. A member announced that the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) will hold a conference at Union Station on October 18, 19, and 20. They need volunteers on Friday, October 18 from 4 PM - 9 PM and Sunday from 8 AM - 4 PM. Any 2-3 hour slot during these times would help. It's too late to sign up to attend sessions at the conference, but there would be opportunity for these volunteers to meet authors and see the exhibits. If interested, contact People interested in volunteering should contact Kathryn Mitchell Pierce at kathrynpierce@claytonschools.net. Information about the organization can be found at <http://www.usbby.org/ibby.html>.

III. 5:30 pm – Breakout Sessions

Members could choose to attend one of the breakout sessions focusing on promoting the Readers Award Programs from MASL. At each session books donated by Mackin were given away.

- Show Me/Mark Twain – Facilitators: Debbie Bicket, Susan Ferguson & Traci Behrens
- Truman – Facilitators: Carol Bauer & Julie Midyett
- Gateway – Facilitator: Lee Mitchell

IV. 6:15 pm – Wrap up and Prizes

A. Drawings for the prizes were held. The winners were as follows.

1. Less Than Three Conference: Ruth Durham, Cindy Weymouth, Helen Baily
2. Show Me: Megan James, Vanessa Glenn, Ruth Durham
3. Mark Twain: Natalie Oleshchuk, Colleen Peel, Cindy Weymouth
4. Truman: Carol Bauer, Donna Rudroff, Judi Knight
5. Gateway: Nichole Ballard-Long, Laura Craig, Kristin Davis
6. MASL Fall Conference: Karen Goldman

V. Miscellaneous Notes:

- a. Maria Barron, membership secretary, reported later there were 54 attendees present at the meeting.