

Paraprofessional Section Board Meeting
January 12, 2006
Nebraska Library Commission

Chair Matt Rohde called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Introductions were made with each person telling something current in their life. Board members in attendance: Jacque Crocker, Karen Frank, Janet Greser, Maria Medrano-Nehls, Nancy Meyer, Jenni Puchalla, Gayle Roberts, Matt Rohde, and Jennifer Wrampe.

A motion was made by Maria Medrano-Nehls to accept the agenda, seconded by Nancy Meyer. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Maria Medrano-Nehls to accept the minutes, seconded by Jacque Crocker. Motion approved.

COORESPONDANCE

Matt reported that he received a letter from the scholarship committee thanking us for our past participation and asking for continued support. It was decided that the budget would not allow us to donate at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Preconference: Maria Medrano-Nehls reported that the preconference committee met on January 10. We will be using the Qwest Center and the contract has been signed with Ann Seidl. We will be purchasing bags and pink sunglasses (which are the Hollywood Librarian's logo). The sunglasses will have the Commission web addresses for scholarship information and recruitment and retention. The preconference is free and Janet Greser will be working on the online registration page. The fliers will be ready to distribute at the para spring meeting.

A sneak preview of the "Hollywood Librarian" documentary will be held on the evening of October 25. This event will be sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Omaha Public Library Foundation. We will be using the Orpheum for this event. The Foundation will host a wine and cheese before the preview. We are hoping that this will be a glamour event. There will be a \$5 ticket fee.

Spring Meeting: Janet Greser reported that the spring meeting will be March 15. Jenni Puchalla stated that there is some confusion regarding the date. Three different dates have been floating around. We will be requesting a \$551 grant from the Nebraska Library Commission to pay NET. Maria Medrano-Nehls asked that Mary Jo Ryan and Kit Keller from the Nebraska Library Commission be given a few minutes at the spring conference to talk about the scholarships the Commission is providing for higher library science education. After much discussion Jenni Puchalla made a motion to have the spring meeting on March 15, seconded by Nancy Meyer. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Day Scholarships – Chair Rohde asked if anything had went out announcing the scholarships. Jennifer Wrampe will send out an e-mail on the NLA listserv announcing the scholarships to para members. Maria Medrano-Nehls made a motion to give two \$15 legislative day scholarships, seconded by Nancy Meyer. Motion approved.

Fall Sessions – Gayle Roberts reported that the program proposal forms must be submitted by March 31. The board decided we would have 4 programs plus the luncheon for fall conference, *Dinosaurs, Llama's and Lizards, Book Mending, Non-Trivial Pursuit and Electronic Signage*. Jenni Puchalla made a motion to sponsor 4 programs, the luncheon and the raffle basket at the fall conference, seconded by Janet Greser. Motion approved.

Jenni Puchalla asked if we had a set number of meetings per year. After discussion it was noted that the current bylaws say we will have 4 board meetings, two general meetings and any additional meetings can be added at the discretion of the Chair.

Nancy Meyer reported that she nominated Jenni Puchalla for the Library Journal Paraprofessional of the Year.

REPORTS

Nominations – Maria Medrano-Nehls asked if the board had any suggestions and several names were mentioned, LaRaine Cihak, Christie Behle, Shelia Cermack. Maria will make the contacts.

Membership – Chair Rohde reported that we currently have 40 members. This number is down considerably from last year. We need to work on rebuilding our membership. Jenni Puchalla stated that LaRaine Cihak has shown an interest in being a member of the Para board and this might be a good opportunity to bring her on as a substitute chair, if Karen Frank finds herself too busy.

Keynote - Janet Greser reported that she is working on the next *Keynote*. Janet asked if the Chair would like to write an article. The issue will have our spring meeting registration, other spring meetings, Para of the Year, minutes from the fall conference, legislative day scholarship, preconference information and Maria's annual report for last year. Janet asked if any one would like to do a guest speaker article.

Treasure's Report – Jenni Puchalla reported that we have had no activity. We finally received the last \$35 from the last preconference from conference committee. We should be receiving membership money soon. Jenni will get a signature card for Matt so he can sign checks while she is on maternity leave.

Chair's Report – No report.

Vice-Chair Report - No report

NEXT MEETING

No meeting date was set. The Chair will send a message when a date is chosen.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Medrano-Nehls, Paraprofessional Section Secretary