TMLA Business Meeting [Draft]

Thursday, February 23, 2017, 7:00pm

Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida

Salon 11

Attending: Cari Alexander, Donna Arnold, Joel Auringer, Mary Brower, John Brower, Keith Chapman, Clayton Crenshaw, Chris Diamond, Bruce Evans, Maristella Feustle, Bruce Hall, Jean Harden, Ralph Hartsock, David Hunter, Rahni Kennedy, Mark McKnight, Sara Outhier, Pam Pagels, Felicia Piscitelli, Matt Stock, Synae Yoon.

1. Call to order. Keith Chapman called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Fall 2016 meeting were approved with tiny corrections.

3. Chair's Report - Keith Chapman

Plans are in the works for TMLA's fall meeting, which will be a joint meeting with SEMLA in New Orleans. Keith met with SEMLA chair Lisa Hooper at MLA/Orlando; details shared later in the meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report - Mary Brower

Our Wells Fargo checking account balance was $5403.81 as of the October 7-8, 2016 meeting in Abilene.

We took in $600.15 (2016 meeting registration and 2016/17 membership dues); we also donated $501.00 MLA Diversity Scholarship Fund, so that our current checking account balance is $5,502.96.

5. Committee Reports

Texas Composer database - Maristella Feustle

If you're interested in adding to the composer database, let Maristella know; she will give you a code for pbworks.Open Refine will be a wonderful tool for cleaning up when the database complete; you can use it for name authority as well.

Oral history - updates. Maristella is rooming with Katie Buehner and will get the tape of the interviews we've done. Donna Arnold has the audio recorder.

Constitution:

Keith has been looking through the TMLA constitution/bylaws and it desperately needs to be updated with 21st century language. No one can remember exactly who is on the constitution committee but Bruce Evans and Mary Brower think they were.

Membership:

Clayton Crenshaw has contacted the MLA business office for a list of members in Texas; we can approach people who aren't in TMLA to rejoin. Please contact Clayton as the committee needs two more members.

6. Old Business

a. Travel grant – Mary Brower

Mary and James Floyd compiled information about travel grants that other MLA chapters offer. It was decided to offer 2 $300 grants for the TMLA/SEMLA 2017 joint conference, and open up to everyone; consider this as a trial run. We will need to change bylaws if this becomes a regular activity. The membership voted unanimously that the application deadline will be June 30; applicants will be notified August 1. Keith will appoint an ad hoc committee.

b. Archives update – Maristella Feustle

Maristella followed up with Vin Novarro about following up. Vin thinks he sent materials in the archive to UNT but no he didn't.

c. Chapter membership renewal integration with MLA website. Website will be migrated to MLA website proper. Questions to follow up on: Will we be able to make additions etc? Will our paypal account be integrated with MLA's?

7. New Business

a. Voting, TMLA Constitutional Amendment/s

The vote to change the membership year to July 1 to June 30 was passed unanimously (the membership year must match MLA's in order for us to accomplish chapter membership renewal integration).

The vote to amend the TMLA Constitution Article 7, which says that amendments must be snail mailed also passed unanimously. The wording will be changed to "mail, email or other means."

8. Fall 2017 meeting, joint meeting with SEMLA

Keith met with Lisa Hooper today about the joint meeting; the hotel has been chosen and SEMLA is looking into local transportation from hotel to Tulane for the conference. Still looking for someone to fund the opening reception. Lisa will send Keith a budget and we can decide what TMLA wants to fund based on that. Still looking for a banquet location for a Friday night. The chapter will cover part and the rest will be funded by registration. Sara Outhier and Felicia Piscitelli volunteered to represent TMLA on the program committee. Lisa will be added to TMLA-l so she can post more info. A preconference is a possibility but currently undecided. Mark McKnight said that the MLA board will be meeting in NOLA just before our meeting, so they may join us.

9. Chapter reports

Bruce Hall/Sam Houston State U: Main library has outgrown its space; last year the university auctioned off a bunch of library books that were duplicate copies; no library withdrawal procedures were followed. They are getting rid of bound journals next; then they will delete active print subscriptions. The library

director had a stroke and is recovering. Their Head of reference was interim director in the fall. Rehiring is not possible now because Gov Abbott instituted a hiring freeze for state employees (like 45 for federal employees).

Felicia Piscitelli/Texas A&M: A&M also did this but is selling off books to be shredded. The main library is looking to merge catalogs with the other library. Restructuring circulation/reserves/audiovisual unit. Texans exhibit on and running through June. Also exhibit of maps of imaginary places.

David Hunter/UT-Austin: completely stripping the fourth floor back to original walls/wood. Creating two classrooms for 150, then 400 students. Moving 195K books. New fal head started. Entire desk and workrooms behind them will be demolished. New setup will be two desks, one person per desk. Rfid tags on all of the books. Implications for parts they can only be checked on the way back in. 4th floor remains property of FAL so library is the landlord for the other programs.

Rahni Kennedy/SMU: various projects. New staff. Alma migration. Pam two dean searches going on but pushed back 1.5 years. Smaller more agile working groups; budget flat for several years. Last year 700,000 dollars of requests for electronic sources; drawing up a message to faculty about state of library. Alma/primo. Storage unit of unknown stuff; haven't been able to access it yet.

Mark McKnight/UNT: music cataloging institute (4th) in june. Got Fisher Tull's archives. Sara working on local music project; buying commercially available music also ephemera; working with local music store. Dean of libraries Martin Halbert leaving and Mark will be a chair for search committee. Welcome Joel Auringer!

Clayton Crenshaw/Baylor: stable fine arts library; weeding; reviewing vhs collection now. Interim dean but hasn't been announced yet; the assoc. dean left last year, the position has not been filled. Beth Farwell is now dean of the central libraries.

Cari Alexander/TCU: No new ILS; no renovation; new building will take the last internal parking lot, across from the library. The head of cataloging retired but no replacement will be hired. Van Cliburn collection, lots to be done. Trying to get foundation to give them better access. Stream van cliburn competition in library. Exhibits etc.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Submitted respectfully by Mary Brower, TMLA secretary/treasurer.