TMLA Business Meeting, St. Louis, February 21, 2019, 7 PM

Attendees: Bruce Hall, Mark McKnight, Sara Outhier, Clayton Crenshaw, Pam Pagels, Bruce Evans, Maristella Feustle, Rahni Kennedy, Felicia Piscitelli, Cari Alexander, Joshua Dieringer, Donna Arnold

The meeting was called to order by chair Pam Pagels.

The minutes of the October 12, 2018 meeting at Southern Methodist University were read and approved.

Pam Pagels then gave the chair's report. She mentioned TMLA's committees and committee members:
Membership committee: Bruce Evans, chair
Web committee: Pam Pagels, Sara Outhier, and Maristella Feustle, members
Local arrangements committee: Keith Chapman, Mary Brower, Donna Arnold, Pam Pagels

Pam is developing a TMLA handbook, which will detail duties of officers and committee members, and have a calendar of activities. Bruce Evans strongly supported this initiative.

Pam is creating a survey of user experience, to gather data on how our members feel about TMLA. She provided copies of a draft of her survey for us to examine.

Donna Arnold gave the treasurer's report. The chapter currently has just over $4,000. She related that there are problems getting her authorized as treasurer with our bank, Wells Fargo, because they have us incorrectly listed as a student organization. Donna will continue to work with previous treasurer Mary Brower to get these problems fixed.

Reporting on the membership committee, Bruce Evans said that we have two new student members on it who will begin their work soon. Mark McKnight asked Bruce to report this at the Chapter Chairs' meeting he will soon attend.

Pam reported the dates for the TMLA 2019 meeting which will be held at Rice University: October 18 and 19.

Clayton Crenshaw then discussed his proposed amendments to TMLA's constitution. They concern parliamentary authority and establishment of an executive committee. He moved that we adopt them by online vote. These changes would make TMLA's constitution better align with those of other chapters. His motion carried.

Maristella Feustle discussed her proposed amendment to establish a chapter web editor. She said that this is needed because in the past, there has been no set process and there has been much turnover of personnel.

We will vote online on both proposals.

We next discussed proposed travel grants for students and early-career librarians to attend the fall TMLA meeting. Bruce Evans moved that we offer two, each for $200. The motion carried.

Mark McKnight brought up the matter of the MLA diversity scholarship. He proposed that this time we give to the Paraprofessional and Public Librarian Travel Award Fund, for financial support to attend the national meeting. Bruce Hall moved that we donate $500. The motion carried.

Pam Pagels asked: does TMLA have teleconferencing capabilities? The answer was no. We discussed the possibility of having a joint meeting with the southwest chapter of the American Musicological Society. Sara Outhier suggested that we consider meeting with non-music groups that might have interests similar to ours. Mark McKnight pointed out that MLA met with the Society for American Music in 2007. No consensus was reached on these matters.

In the interest of time, Bruce Evans moved that news from various members' institutions be e-mailed to him rather than reported at this meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM. Afterwards some TMLA members went to dinner at a local restaurant.

Respectully submitted,

Donna Arnold
Secretary/Treasurer