

Minutes of Libraries Southwest Meeting October 10, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Hutchings--McNeese, Agnes Guillory--Allen, Dee Dee Sanders--Cameron, Debbie Johnson-Houston--McNeese, Erin Chestnut--Beauregard, Margie Mealer—Evangeline.

DISCUSSIONS:

1. Membership Benefits

For Individuals:

- individuals only benefit is information about Author Dinner
- In the past: \$1 of \$6 deposited in savings to support scholarships
- Should individual membership be eliminated?

For Institutions:

- participation in Overdrive
- reciprocal borrowing
- institutional dues are enough to sustain scholarships
- Retain max of \$5K in checking account and the rest goes to savings

2. Decision- making as a parish:

- Who in group votes on decisions? Is it one vote for each parish?
- OR is majority vote on decisions made by those in attendance at meetings? Do only - Institutional members get to vote?
- What does the Board do?
- Who are Board members for Libraries Southwest?

3. Historical background on scholarships tabled.

4. Author dinner

- Marilyn's will provide 55 dinners for \$1290.
- Speaker will bring 2 guests. He will pay for their meals.
- Scholarship recipients will bring 2 people and LSW is paying for these guests.
- Author Dinner meant to be fundraiser. But LSW is not making anything off of it. - Should we continue with them?
- Should we add one-time donation option on the Author Dinner registration form?
- Update on Author Dinner-scholarship winners will be in attendance.
- Jessica will MC and Mary Frances will staff the registration table at the door.

5. Resignation

- Jessica needs to resign as President. December will be her last meeting.
- At November meeting LSW needs to discuss a succession plan.
- When Linda resigned, she gave Jessica minutes and financial statements, all in the LSW
- Archive Binder.
- Margie has a lot of Treasurer Paperwork.

6. Treasurer's Report

-Regular Treasurer's Report should be distributed at the meetings. Suggest at least routine -Treasurer reports—monthly, quarterly, etc. If Treasurer, can't attend meetings, - then report should be emailed to all members or sent to meeting with another member.

-Succession discussion- Do we need officers to include President, Vice-President? - Currently have Secretary and Treasurer. Should we have term limits for officers and regular elections?

-Please come prepared to discuss and vote on solutions for the continuing of LSW or its - dissolution at next meeting on November 14th in Ville Platte at Evangeline Parish Public - Library.

7. Round Robin Discussions

-Overdrive now has magazines

-State Library- has expanded hours for Home Work LA

8. State Library Annual Book Festival is November 10

9. Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 noon

Respectfully Submitted by: Debbie Johnson-Houston