

WILR Minutes

Friday, January 24, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Central Library in Greensboro

Present: Carol Laing, Chair; Laura Weigand, Director; Kyle Thomas, Secretary; Kim Becnel, Director; Joan Sherif, Past Chair; Mary McAfee, Herstorian; Jenny Boneno, Chair-elect/Vice chair

Not sure if meeting minutes from 8/30/2013 were approved! I will make a motion to approve at the next in-person meeting.

Welcome was given to new members Kyle Thomas and Kim Becnel.

2013 NCLA Conference

We agreed it is preferable to have the WILR table at or near registration at the check-in kiosks. Smaller roundtables tend to get ignored when NCLA members are picking sections, so we need to make more of a presence in the future. New members were gained at the beginning of the conference when we were being more proactive, aggressive at the table.

Many of us did not receive an email survey and we questioned whether one was sent out. We theorized that it may have been sent via the NCLA listserv, and upon investigation I found an ignored email with a link to a survey in my NCLA listserv saved messages.

Although the sound system and microphone malfunctioned, Ms. Shapiro (author of The Art Forger) rallied and was very engaging.

We discussed hosting a reception or after hours pub crawl, but determined that Greensboro's Curry Center (the next NCLA location) would not be conducive.

We also discussed the raffle. Although the raffle is not profitable for WILR, it is profitable for NCLA. The lips stamp was a success and we should continue this idea in the future.

We think we made a \$4 profit per ticket at the Shapiro luncheon. \$28 for ticket, \$24 cost

Finances

Mary Sizemore provided a financial report for WILR however we believe this report is missing information.

We made money on the conference luncheon because there were no costs associated with it. All the speaker needed was a microphone. Plus we received a bump from new memberships.

However we did contribute money to the plaque for the Marilyn Miller award.

Carol will ask Mary to clarify the meal income.

In April 2013 our balance was \$2920. According to the report our balance is now \$839.78.

Mary mentioned NCLA Quarterly reports are available online.

Website updates/pics from conference

Jahala put updated board info on the web page.

Kyle will make sure current contact information is updated on the web page.

Susan Smith, Wake Forest librarian, should have photos of the WILR conference luncheon. Need to

update web page. Dale has photos too (?).

Laura Wiegand, UNCW librarian, can provide "keys" to update our web page.

There is a NCLA handbook available online.

Next interview - Dale Cousins

Carol will use the same questions as past interviews.

Executive Board Leadership Retreat - discussion questions

What does the executive board look like? There was some discussion about whether past chairs should attend the first executive NCLA meetings with new chairs. Chair-elects are encouraged to attend conference meetings leading up to the conference.

What's in a name?

Most liked the idea of changing our name to "Women in Libraries". We would not have to change our acronym. We may however need to bring it to an executive vote.

Other items

We discussed the need for a more immediate way to connect with NCLA members. Would be nice to be able to start a Facebook page to announce meet-ups, networking events, face-to-face workshops.

We discussed having two off-year events, one in the spring and one in the fall. We liked the idea of an unconference. We determined this would be a highly structured, yet unstructured event and that we would need a skilled facilitator (Brandy?).

We would like to have a focused meeting on how to facilitate, to brainstorm topics and how to market an event like this. (What is holding you back? Share the questions/topics ahead of time. Focus on themes of communication.)

We discussed the successful Fabulous Fridays. Will these be happen again? Could WILR partner with a bigger section/roundtable to offer something similar?

Action Items

I will confess, I did not do the best job with documenting action items. Here is what I have, let me know what I need to add!

Kyle – contact Laura Wiegand (UNCW) and update contact information on the WILR page

? - Need to update photos on our page - get WILR NCLA photos taken by Susan Smith the Wake Forest librarian

Carol – what times to avoid when scheduling our off year conference (fall and spring?), budget questions, see if Fabulous Fridays will be happening again

Everyone - Think about the idea of an off year retreat – possibly an unconference

Next meeting date

March 14/21/28 ? in Forsyth County