MINUTES MORE Executive Committee

Friday, May 1, 2020 (Virtual meeting with ZOOM)

Present/Attending: Krissa Coleman (RO) Chair, Tina Norris (HU), Rob Ankarlo (CU), Rebecca Puhl (PH), John Thompson (IFLS).

Also Present: Lori Roholt, Kathy Setter, Bridget Krejci, Jennifer Rickard (NR), Rebecca Kilde, Joanne Gardner.

CALL TO ORDER:

Coleman (RO) called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

A quorum was established.

COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW:

Compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

MODIFY/APPROVE AGENDA:

Norris (HU) moved to approve the agenda. Puhl (PH) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Norris (HU) moved to approve the minutes dated March 6, 2020. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

UPCOMING MORE DIRECTOR COUNCIL MEETINGS AND HOW TO HOLD DURING COVID-19:

Roholt noted the May 15, 2020, MORE Directors Council meeting will be held via ZOOM.

The main discussion will be the MORE 2021 preliminary budget. A preliminary budget is prepared with all costs staying the same and include predictable increases. The formula will be recalculated based on percentages/voting. The preliminary budget will be posted ahead of the meeting.

Roholt is concerned about managing spoken questions and comments with those posted via text chat. It will be helpful to set out parameters for participating in ZOOM meetings.

Setter suggested that the Executive Meeting in June to recommend a proposed budget to the MORE Directors Council could be held with the Executive Committee meeting (socially distanced) in the IFLS office. Kilde added that Juli Button has some good experience sharing documents in ZOOM.

The date decided on for the MORE Executive Meeting/Budget Hearing is June 26, 2020.

Coleman (RO) inquired if Beanstack would affect the budget or the libraries budget? Thompson noted there is no cost to the libraries this year.

Coleman (RO) asked how budgets may be different. Items that could impact the budget include Act 150 for 2021. This could impact the budget in 2022. MORE has uncommitted reserves if needed for 2022.

Fairchild has expressed interest in MORE. The last library to join MORE was in 2012. The approval process will be included in future Directors Council agendas.

NONCONTACT CURBSIDE PICKUP ISSUES:

Coleman (RO) thought it would be helpful for the MORE Executive Committee to assist directors who are struggling with moving forward. Some small libraries do not feel connected at this time. This includes the process of how-to setup for curbside pickup and other processes such as receiving materials. Ankarlo will reach out to the Barron County libraries. Norris (HU) noted that Hudson has an ever-evolving plan that was shared out to libraries that includes protecting staff, distancing, and quarantine of materials.

Concerns have been expressed about skill sets of libraries and deciding what offerings to do while the library is closed. Kilde added that libraries can look to see when the library's audience tends to be online and make programming available then to catch more of the audience. Events can also be scheduled on the library's Facebook page. Hudson is conducting online story times the same as when the library was open and that is working for their patrons as it provides consistency. Norris (HU) noted that the YouTube Channel has been a big hit for them. It is a collaboration with libraries who don't have tech skills. Puhl (PH) noted we need to tell the smaller libraries how to find resources. Ankarlo (CU) added that libraries try to do so much, and why re-replicate what's already out there. Norris (HU) noted the relevance to keep our faces out there for patrons and the library board. Puhl (PH) noted that smaller communities have a hard time reaching many because of limited online access. Patrons of smaller communities prefer the curbside service. Norris (HU) noted that each library needs to be aware of what their community needs are as they are all different.

For the MORE Directors Council meeting, Coleman (RO) will recommend that directors have a microphone and audio available. A phone number to participate in the ZOOM conference will also be provided.

(Hebda (OG) joined meeting at 10:38 am)

Puhl (PH) would to happy to test with people on using ZOOM prior to the meeting.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder