

MINUTES
MORE Executive Committee
Friday, December 04, 2020

Present/Attending: Shelley Rae (SA), Katherine Elchert (RL), Samma Johnson (CA), Pamela Westby (EC), John Thompson (IFLS).

Others Present: Lori Roholt, Kathy Setter, Bridget Krejci, Joanne Gardner

CALL TO ORDER:

Rae (SA) called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

A quorum was established.

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
OPEN MEETING LAW:**

Compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Thompson moved to approve the agenda. Westby (EC) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Thompson moved to approve the minutes dated November 6, 2020. Elchert (RL) seconded. Motion carried.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATION:

Westby (EC) inquired if the MORE membership was interested in setting standards for collection development among libraries, much the same way as policies for circulation. Collection development is a good topic to discuss now given it is one of the main services during the pandemic.

Awareness of having outdated materials came to light when there was an email about a caller asking about books with the “n” word in them. Creating standards for ourselves to doublecheck our work would be beneficial so collections are fantastic, and libraries can be proud of what is on our shelves.

Johnson (CA) agreed standards would be good. Rather than considering recreating the wheel, can using the CREW Manual be a resource. The CREW Manual works well for nonfiction, but not as well for fiction.

Elchert (RL) noted that it can be hard to implement an overall standard on collection development. Elchert (RL) is an aggressive weeder and has an adequate budget to keep the collection updated. Not all libraries have that luxury, and we need to be mindful of that. Librarians need to be aware of their responsibility to have balance in the library's collection.

Westby (EC) stated that providing accurate and reliable information is the heart of what libraries do. Can the CREW Method be the base for nonfiction materials and that MORE libraries have the freedom to develop their collections more fully? It was suggested that the Resource Sharing/Collection Development Committee could discuss this further.

Collection development is already on the suggested list for training and professional development. Roholt noted that historically, IFLS and MORE offer training on these topics, but has never taken on an enforcement role.

Thompson moved to refer Collection Development Coordination to the Resource Sharing/Collection Development Committee. Elchert (RL) seconded. Motion carried.

2021 PREVIEW:

Roholt noted that no action is needed and wanted the group to be aware of the bigger things to review in 2021. The MORE bylaws review is one of them. The bylaws are one of the appendices of the MORE Participation Agreement and establishes the libraries membership in MORE. The bylaws cover how MORE functions. They are to be reviewed every two years. They were last amended in January 2019. In recent years, the Executive Committee has reviewed the bylaws and made any recommendations for changes to the Directors Council. There is nothing requiring a major update, yet a set of fresh eyes will be helpful. In January 2019, there was a revision in the voting in MORE to require half of the libraries in addition to the votes per library for policy changes.

The second item for review would be looking into options for a library app. Money has been in the budget in 2020 and 2021 for a library app. MORE has been waiting to evaluate a library app from BiblioCommons. In the meantime, Sierra has developed a library app as well. There are differences in functions of the two apps. The MORE App Committee will be reviewing these two primary library apps and make a recommendation to the Directors Council. Roholt is not opposed to the committee exploring other apps, although she is leery of adding multiple interfaces.

As a general note about other products and services the group wants to explore for 2022 budget, it would be helpful to start on review earlier. New products and services could be introduced in May, discussed in June at the budget meeting, with approval within the MORE budget in July. Roholt would like to explore new items so members do not feel rushed into a decision.

Westby (EC) inquired if anything is happening or hearing about that would serve us, as with adding wi-fi hotspots. Roholt noted that she does think it works well for MORE to

pool funds and is generally well-received. The high demand holds has been a successful project for many years. Pooling funds to even the playing field is good use of MORE funds.

Westby (EC) was interested in whether MORE as a collective group would be interested in self checks. It would be a time saver and allows customers to do things on their own. A question would be whether to tag everything so self-check would be easier. When libraries come on with RFID it would smooth out the check-in process. Libraries would not necessarily need the sorting machine, as there are smart book-drops available. Elchert (RL) is hoping to buy a new self-check this year as patrons are asking for it. Roholt can send information out to the libraries. Libraries are using Envisionware. Sierra also has an option to consider. About one-third of the libraries have a self-check option.

ADJOURN:

Elchert (RL) moved to adjourn at 10:45 am. Johnson (CA) seconded. Motion carried.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder