

SLING Meeting Minutes November 17, 2010

Connie Williams (Metro East Lutheran) volunteered to take over as chairperson for our group, so she called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

We went around and introduced ourselves. Those present were Connie, Jody Nehrt (Roxana C.U.D. #1), Mary Budde (East Alton/Wood River CHSD #14), Cindy Spencer (Breese Central), Jennifer Lara (O'Fallon T.H.S. #203), Tracy von der Linden (O'Fallon T.H.S. #203), and Luann Toennies (Althoff Catholic H.S.), secretary.

Mary asked if anyone has had problems with students using other students' names to check out books. Most places have picture ID's, and those who do not have not seemed to have the problem.

Connie asked if the timing of the meetings worked for everyone. No one present had a problem, so the date of the next meeting was set for January 12, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. A Brown Bag lunch was suggested since people are driving to the meeting over lunch hour. So the next meeting is BYOL (bring your own lunch), and we can eat while we meet. We should still be able to receive CPSU's for our meetings. We will check on it through L2 and check with Julia if there is a problem.

Connie asked for suggestions of topics to be discussed at future meetings. After a list was made, Jennifer suggested letting people vote since there were too many that could be covered at one meeting. Members will be asked to look over the following list and email their preferences to Connie. The list included: getting books back from students who transfer in and out of the school in a short time-frame (bring copy of policies), e-books, Netflix accounts for schools and Curriculum Video on Demand through United Streaming, Linked-In (a professional network), and grants (bring lists). Jennifer Bone is going to be doing a Google presentation at the Dist. 522 meeting this Friday. Since many of us cannot make that meeting, Jennifer L. said she would try to do a similar presentation for us at our next meeting.

We then moved on to our topic for this meeting, bargain tips. Jennifer mentioned the Gale sale that is currently going. She recommends the Gale Virtual Reference Library and Student Resource Center Gold. There was a discussion on Gale vs. EBSCO. Gale has replaced EBSCO on Gatenet, and some librarians are boycotting EBSCO because of they are buying out and trying to monopolize some important resources, such as Time. Cindy mentioned that Gale is also having a 30% sale on books. Mary mentioned the Scholastic Warehouse Sale that will be at the Moose in Edwardsville in December.

Luann brought up that she sells index cards to help raise money for books for the reading clubs. Jennifer and Tracy said that they sell many items from glue sticks and mechanical pencils to TicTacs and calculator batteries. That brought up how to collect overdue and lost book money. Some suggested threatening the semester exam exemption or trying to work something out with administration.

Judy Rake stopped into the meeting to mention WebJunction Illinois classes. These classes are provided through LibraryU, Texas, and Soft Skills and are charged to Illinois. They are a source of CPDU's.

Mary asked about limits on number of books checked out. She has a problem with some students insisting on checking out three books and always losing one. Someone suggested staying with a two book limit, but having a "Golden Reader" status for those who prove to be responsible.

Jodie highly recommended the book *Lincoln for Learning*. Connie announced there were some freebies on the back counter. She also plans to have Annette Mills or someone at the System give us an update on the merger since many of us do not get to the meetings.

Someone asked about what vendors are used. Baker & Taylor, Ingram, and Follett were mentioned. O'Fallon has started using Junior Literary Guild. They will keep us posted on how it works out.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.