

Minutes. MLTA business meeting

Thursday, October 11 at Saint Cloud Convention Center as part of the MLA conference

Present (from handwritten sheet passed around):

Jim Weygand

Amy Wilde

Dawn Erickson

Dennis Jermone

Marge McPeak

Mary Dukenis (Sp?)

McKan Paschafer (sp?)

Lenore Johnson

Ann Hokanson

Jim Weygand opened the meeting at 1:00 pm

Ann Hokanson volunteered to take the minutes.

Jim informed us that there was really only one officer, him, and that he served as chair. He reported that his major goal was to introduce a new category of membership into MLA for trustees and advocates, and that it was being considered by the MLA board.

The result of the research from last year on combining MLTA and MALF is that there are significant differences in what each group can legally do. MLTA members, as part of MLA, can have their dues and name attached to MLA's lobbying efforts. MALF efforts must be restricted to supporting Friends' efforts to support their local libraries, and they cannot lobby. An individual can belong to both organizations. MALF represents about 20,000 members, MLA has 700. Jim said he believes MLTA should work to capture even 5% or 10% of those MALF people. Currently there are only 46 "civilians" (those not employed by a library) in MLA.

Motion to adopt the concept and effort to grow MLA's membership with a trustees and advocates level of membership. Ann Hokanson/Dawn Erickson passed unanimously.

Election of officers:

The by-laws were reviewed regarding officers, duties, and terms of service. Lenore Johnson/Marge McPeak motion to suspend the by-laws regarding officers for one year in order to extend Jim Weygand's term as chair. Passed unanimously. No other officers were elected.

Hokanson volunteered to get this year's minutes and the by-laws to the MLA website.

Motion to adjourn Lenore Johnson/Amy Wilde. Unanimous. Adjourned at 1:47.