Rainbow Round Table Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 26, 2021, 3:00 pm EST

Present: Kathleen Breitenbach (they/them), Chair, Rae Anne Montague, Past-chair, Elizabeth Marshak, Director-at-Large; Lea Wentworth, Director-at-Large; Nicholas Cline, Director-at-Large; Deb Sica, Round Table Councilor; La Juan Pringle (he/him/his), Treasurer; Karen Schnieder, ALA Exec. Board, Daniel Wilson, Anthony Davis,

1. Call to Order – Kathleen called the meeting to order at 3:05

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes - approved
   Action: Approve agenda for August 2021 Executive Board Meeting
   Approve the minutes of July 2021 Executive Board Meeting

3. Treasurer’s Report
   Action: Update from the Treasurer
   Item Facilitator: La Juan Pringle
   LaJuan has been reading Ben’s Reports, and has a good idea of where we are at currently but would like to meet with Monica to confirm some points. Written report should be ready for next month.

4. RRT Councilor Report – Deb Sica reports that there is not much to report, just some information that was shared from ALA Exec. Board about the continuing lean governance work, following the recommendations that came out of Forward Together. A New working group called Transforming ALA Governance (TAG) has been formed.

5. RRT Gala in 2023 in Chicago
   Action: Update on event
   Item Facilitator: Ann Symons
   This is moved to/meant for January meeting

6. Committee Liaison Appointments
   Action: Discussion of committee liaisons
   Item Facilitator: Kathleen Breitenbach
   Filled:
   Web Committee-Lea Wentworth
   OIF (liaison from RRT)- Anthony Davis
   Fundraising- La Juan Pringle
   Advocacy- Liz Marshak
   ODLOS- Rae Anne Montague
Program Planning- The Chairs
Gala- Kathleen Breitenbach
Archives- Anne Moore

Needed: News and Views, Membership. Kathleen will put out a call on the RRT Board Connect.

7. Announcements/Other Business/Adjournment
- LibLearnX committee- an email was received from Morgan Yoshimura at San Antonio Public Library reaching out about some ideas for LGBTQ supportive measures that could be taken. Ideas from email:
  1. Panel or booth with local queer organizations in San Antonio and/or Texas: Bring in queer organizations in San Antonio/Texas to talk about what their organizations do and how they have partnered with libraries (and how those partnerships have benefitted them)
  2. Training (as a conference session) on LBGTQIA+ pronouns, gender expression, gender identity
  3. Pronoun buttons
  4. Human spectrogram featuring questions on queerness
  5. Drag King / Queen Storytime for Librarians (so essentially a drag king / queen storytime geared towards adults)
- Other ideas discussed for LibLearnX include sensory/emotional support room, reaching out to programming committee, reaching out to conference services staff.
- Karen will have an ALA Exec. Board report to give soon with some good news about ALA Leadership Roles.
- Daniel asked about the fundraising committee reaching out to larger donors for Spectrum Scholarship sponsorship.
- Karen shared information about ALA Volunteer Fair September 14th
- Some historical RRT info may still be stored on a Google Drive, Deb will look and see about adding anything available to Connect access
- Kathleen will pursue a spot for RRT at the Volunteer Fair and will reach out to Committee chairs about it.
- The meeting adjourned at 3:55 (?).