

**SCASL Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2015**

I. Call to Order

Jennifer Tazerouti called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm

II. Roll Call

In Attendance: Kathy Sutusky, Jennifer Tazerouti, Diana Carr, Diane Ervin, Heather Thore, Gloria Coleman, Cindy Symonds, Regina Thurmond

III. Agenda Items

- a. Presidential Goals, Jennifer Tazerouti
 - i. After going to ALA, Jennifer realized how several state associations aspire to be like SCASL.
 - 1. Sustain the high expectations and powerful partnerships already established.
 - 2. Align mission statement and newsletter title to reflect more current thinking.
 - 3. Offer webinars, Twitter chats or regional professional development for school librarians.
 - 4. Increase membership.
 - ii. Budget/Financial update, Gloria Coleman
 - i. Total income \$189,710.56 and expected was \$150,550.00 (took \$40,000 out of CD)
 - 1. Support for Libraries (Impact Study) was \$24,000 even though budgeted amount was \$12,800 (CD covered the extra expense)
 - ii. Proposed budget
 - 1. Kathy stated that we are not ready to start a contract for Phase III with RSL Research Group. Therefore, the \$12,000 for Support for Libraries in the proposed budget is not needed. So we do not need to transfer that amount from the investment account.
 - 2. Diana suggested increasing the Advocacy budget to promote the Impact Study results. Cindy offered to cut the conference printing budget to support the Support for Libraries budget. (Support for Libraries budget will cover the Impact Study promotion costs instead of Advocacy committee.)
 - 3. Cindy suggested doing an “unconference” or something less expensive than a Summer Institute (using a high school host, etc).
 - 4. Diana motions to approve the budget with suggested changes. Cindy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. May Meeting Minutes, Heather Thore

- i. Diana motioned to accept the minutes as is. Gloria seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Conference update, Cindy Symonds
 - i. Cindy & Jennifer met with a Kingston Plantation Rep on July 9th.
 - ii. Venue has some downfalls
 - 1. smaller spaces for exhibitors & keynotes
 - 2. not close to attractions
 - 3. no free wifi
 - 4. no free breakfasts
 - iii. Venue positives
 - 1. 4 hotels connected to space
 - 2. restaurants closeby
 - e. Executive Secretary report, Diane Ervin
 - i. 277 members so far for 2015-2016
 - ii. 80 attendees for Summer Institute
 - iii. MemberClicks is beginning a transition to an upgrade to their platform. At this point, they are not encouraging current users to upgrade. Upgrades will include:
 - 1. members will be able to be a part of multiple groups
 - 2. 1 form to register for & pay for events
 - 3. newsletter template
 - f. Keith Curry Lance study update, Kathy Sutusky
 - i. Karen Gavigan & Keith's article has been accepted into School Library Journal
 - ii. Kathy recommends publicizing our first two phases instead of moving toward Phase III at this point.
 - iii. Make an effort to get parents more involved. Legislators have listened to parents in the past; we need to get them to advocate for libraries.
 - iv. Diana suggested presenting or getting a booth at SCASA to share results with administrators.
 - g. State Department update, Regina Thurmond
 - i. working to offer free regional workshops for school librarians
 - 1. hoping for an early 2016 spring workshop (future will include fall dates)
 - 2. looking for venues
 - 3. will have 6 regions
 - 4. workshops will keep librarians informed (liaison between Dept. of Ed, USC, and librarians)
 - 5. earn renewal credits
 - ii. Leadership training (LEAD) cohorts
 - 1. 15 of the 25 participants are school librarians
 - 2. lots of participation already for cohorts 2-4 with waiting lists

IV. Meeting Adjourned

- a. Jennifer asked for a motion that we adjourn.
- b. The motion was made and seconded.
- c. Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Heather Thore, Secretary