

WALE Meeting—March 20, 2014

Attending: Beth Bermami, Camile Wilson, Carol Ellison, Delain Miller, Di Zhang, Gina Rice, Kristina Payne, Lisa Vos, Warren Chin

Kristina's slides are available on Google Docs. Session was also recorded.

Meeting called to order at 8:37am by WALE Conference Co-Chair Kristina Payne.

Kristina announced that the conference logo ideas were sent out. WLA will send artwork samples back to us, and then we can decide to use one of those or suggest adjustments.

Jennan Oaks Band

They have added members, and as a result their fee has increased to \$250. Joe will handle the contract after the logo/letterhead is created. They will play during the desert reception Monday night.

Who is doing what?

Facilities: Gina

Local arrangements: Di

Printing & supplies: Carol

Prizes & Packets: Warren

Speakers & programs: Camile

Volunteer coordinators: Delain & Luciane

Gina said major facilities updates will happen as soon as everything else (speakers, etc.) are set. If you want her to pick tentative meals, just let her know where she should go with that.

Speakers & programs

Gene from Unshelved: Camile says he would love to come back and he could do a new session, "How to ban a book." We could use him in whichever time slot we needed. He could also do a session (that would increase the price, though). Kristina suggested we propose it as a preconference session. Gina suggested having a repeat from last year might not be the best, might disappoint people who went last year. Kristina suggested that since the Unshelved guys' content isn't conference-specific we could have them be the Wednesday breakfast speaker. Then it's like a bonus for the people who do attend that final meal.

Rebecca Miller: Editorial director of Library Journal & School Library Journal. She is willing to come.

Kim Wyman: Secretary of State's office is expected to get back to Camile very soon.

Kristina said the Tuesday breakfast business meeting worked well last year even though it was an accident. We should consider that for this year and others in the meeting agreed.

Camile said she has a lot of leads for sessions but hasn't made contact yet. She asked whether we would try to have different tracks/categories for the sessions or not.

Kristina said a lot of that depends on what types of session proposals we receive. It's a great question, though. Part of the proposal process is to explain to the committee how it's going to fit into the theme of the conference.

Requests for session proposals go out to the WLA listserv. So anyone in any interest group can create a proposal and submit it to the committee.

Proposal requests go out after we have secured the keynote speakers and have the logo, probably in May. Gina suggested that we mention in our request for session proposals that this is our theme, and this is how you could tailor your session to fit the theme. Kristina said it can be difficult to make presentations fit into the theme of the conference. Giving the people writing session proposals clear-cut information will be very important.

If Camile would like assistance with the sessions we can get a meeting together.

Delain asked if we usually get too many session proposals and if so do we have to weed it down? Kristina hopes we do not have to ever hunt people down; ideally yes, we do have to weed it down. Presenters do not get paid. Kristina will look into whether or not preconference presenters get paid, since those are longer sessions usually focused on building skills.

We are working with the feedback from 2013 and that is already helping drive our work. One example is the request for a list of childcare providers in Chelan. Di is working with Gloria at the Chelan library to create this list.

Google Docs-what's there?

Planning committee directory & responsibilities

Budget

Committee updates

If you have any problems accessing these, please email Kristina.

Kristina reminded everyone to update your progress in the appropriate document and tab. Please continue to update it even if it's something simple, like speaking to a business. If it's not your committee please tell the person whose committee it is so that they can update it. If you have questions, please contact Kristina or Lisa and they will get you in touch with the correct people.

Next meeting: April 17 @ 8:30am.

New tasks checklists will be emailed to everyone very soon.

Everyone is doing an excellent job!

Meeting adjourned at 9:13am, with a few people staying behind to discuss details of the bingo/poker walk.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ellison, WALE Secretary