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Post Adrienne Gear Workshop



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**Date** March 11, 2016

**Place** Hilton Garden Inn, Saskatoon

**Time** Post clean-up of the Adrienne Gear Workshop, approximately 1 hour

**Present:** Carlene Walter, Carla Katerynych, Megan Hernberg, Carol Preece, Chantelle Anderson, Laurie Hnatiuk, Charlotte Raine

**Regrets:** **Jana Scott Lindsay, Gaétan Hammond, Rachel Florence**

## Call to Order

The meeting of the Saskatchewan School Library Association was called to order at 4:06 on March 11, 2016 by Charlotte.

## Agenda

Moved by Chantelle and seconded by Carlene that we adopt the agenda with the addition of 2.5 Summer Short Courses. Carried.

## 1. Workshop Debriefing

### 1.1. A million thanks-yous to the organizers

### 1.2. What did we like?

- Positive response from the participants
- The fact that it appeared from the outside that everything ran smoothly
- Adrienne Gear's presentation – engaged the participants the entire day

### 1.3. What would we do differently?

- Return to our original method of having a conference committee work under the PD Councillor for Conference. Preferably, the conference committee should reside in the same location as the conference. We recognize that the planning of this conference was atypical due to the circumstances.
- Clarify roles. Too many people in too many locations trying their best to do the job. Going back to our former method of planning the conference would fix this.
- Attract displayers. Will need to be cognizant of dates to avoid potential conflicts for displayers with other events. Displayers were displaying in Regina and Calgary at the time of our event.
- Maximize opportunities to make money. For example, get a cut or commission if selling books for the presenter. Sell memberships to participants.
- Plan dates carefully so we don't run into the same conflict as we did with Naomi Harm and Regina Public's teacher-librarian teaching day.
- Check our Wufoo administration accounts. What can Megan see from her login? Do we need to purchase more administration accounts so that Carol can have access as well? For

the remainder of this year, we will transfer Gaetan's account to Carol. Treasurer was assured that she does not have to contact registrants to chase down the money. Upon receiving the report, the conference organizers will make those contacts.

#### 1.4. Clarification of executive compensation

- Expenses for out of town executive members will be paid for either the Adrienne Gear workshop or the SLA conference meeting, but not both. The executive member can choose and submit accordingly. Registration fees are waived for the Gear workshop if the member assisted with the workshop. Registration will not be paid for the SLA conference. Presenters and AGM participants do not have to pay a registration fee.

## 2. Professional Development for 2016 – 2017

### 2.1 Options for Naomi Harm -- See notes below.

Charlotte will contact Naomi Harm and request that she present two webinars for us in the fall. She will see what Naomi suggests in regards to the reimbursement for the flight. If Naomi gives the go-ahead for the webinars, Charlotte will contact Megan to arrange.

### 2.2 PD offering for Regina and area

There is support for the idea of bringing Adrienne Gear to Regina to do the same presentation. Carol will contact Juanita to check possible dates on the new calendar. Carlene can be called upon to talk with Juanita if need be.

### 2.3 Thoughts for Learning Events

It was suggested that we could book two webinars from Naomi Harm (perhaps late October and late November, Tuesday or Wednesday) and two webinars from Adrienne Gear – based on her other books.

### 2.4 Thoughts for Conference

Prairie Spirit's literacy conference with three speakers addressing different grade levels was very successful. Today's participants were quite content not to have the AGM as part of the day. Charlotte will check into other options for the AGM—namely digital.

Possible presenters include Donalyn Miller, Matthew Winner (Scholastic ambassador), Wilfred Burton (would work well with Winner), Debbie Miller, Patrick Allen, and Penny Kittle.

### 2.5 Summer Short Courses

We have submitted a needs assessment form to offer Makerspaces, but are looking for facilitators. Megan will consider but would like a co-facilitator. Presenters do not have to be on the executive.

## 3. 4<sup>th</sup> Year PD Opportunity

### 3.1. Application received

Moved by Carla and seconded by Laurie that we endorse Chantelle Anderson's application to access funding from the 4<sup>th</sup> Year Executive PD Fund and grant her \$1 000 to attend ISTE in Denver. Carried.

## 4. Informal Reports as necessary

### 4.1. President

### 4.2 President Elect

### 4.3 Treasurer/Membership

4.3.1 Reimbursements have been paid to Naomi Harm registrants

#### 4.4 Publication Councillors

Two articles are needed to complete the next issue. End of March is the deadline.

#### 4.5 Professional Learning Councillors

#### 4.6 Communication Councillors

#### 4.7 Special Projects Councillor

#### 4.8 Secretary

#### 4.9 Past- President

Carlene asked the President to handle the nominations for the next executive so that she could focus on Digital Badging. She has an idea for our next special project. We will be eligible for a grant next year.

### 5. New Business

- 5.1. Please review the attached Discussion for Strategic Plan document before the April online meeting and be ready to provide feedback regarding which of the points are most salient.

### 6. Next Meeting: April 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Online Meeting

#### Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:56. The next meeting will be held using Adobe Connect on April 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m.

January 25, 2016 e-mail

Happy Monday Charlotte,

How about let's make lemonade from the lemons we have been offered :-)

I am currently out my plane ticket- which is a grand total of \$717.43 US Dollars that is nonrefundable, but can and will wave the day long presentation and workshop fees.

HERE IS OPTION #1: Would you be interested if I could still provide you two - one hour virtual webinars between March through May? They can be streamed live, I can make them interactive events with back channel chats, live polling, live video feed, and a few game based learning activity playbacks to keep participants engaged. I can record the session for future playback for all attendees through an archived link? You can still charge your members a fee to recoup the \$717.43 US dollars that you can pay me to reimburse for the plane ticket for the two virtual sessions.

OPTION #2: Include option #1 and let's plan for a Fall or Spring event that works with everyone's calendars :-)

I hope I eased your conference planning pain today, and hoping we can make some great lemonade together.

Wishing you an amazing Monday that is full of Monday morning impacts,

#TogetherWeAreBetter

Naomi Harm

### Collected Observations from SSLA Executive to Date:

1. Interest in spring webinars is mixed. Two school divisions indicated interest. Two school divisions indicated little interest. Three school divisions did not report.
2. Cautions given regarding Naomi as a keynote as the fee of \$4800 is now \$6454 Cdn.
3. An SSLA goal this year was to meet the PD needs of Regina and area t-ls.
4. Desire expressed to “do right” by Naomi this time—no room to fall through again.
5. Are there other options by thinking “outside the box”?