**IFRT Executive Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

11:30pm-1pm AKT; 12:30pm-2pm PST; 1:30pm-3pm MST; 2:30pm-4pm CST; 3:30pm-5pm EST

Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Steph Barnaby, Rita Ennen, Betsy Gomez, Jennifer Griswold, Sam Helmick, Wanda Huffaker, Sam Jack, Molly Meisenheimer, Rebecca Moorman, Jim Neal, Steve Norman, Kristen, Pekoll, Amanda Sand, Matthew Sylvain

1. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:**

Sand called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm CDT. A quorum was established.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves and noted their positions in Chat.

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Pekoll moved to approve the agenda. Huffaker seconded. Motion passed.

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Norman moved to approve the minutes. Meisenheimer seconded. Motion passed.

1. **REPORT OF OFFICERS**
   1. Chair: Amanda Sand
      1. Working with United for Libraries on the chair’s program for annual conference. Planning a program around information to be used when training trustees concerning intellectual freedom issues.
      2. Planning to partner with New Members Round Table for their chair’s program regarding preparing new librarians for facing materials or resource challenges in their library. Will be passing along Rebecca Moorman as a possible panelist.
      3. Our emerging leader project proposal was selected. Sand will attend the luncheon in Baltimore to help them get started. They will be following up on last year’s project to increase information regarding state library associations’ gathering of statistics and standardization.
      4. Sand thanked members for participating in the online vote to approve the slate of candidates for the election. Sam Jack will work on publicizing the candidates.
   2. Chair-Elect: Jennifer Griswold
      1. Will be working on making committee appointments for next year.
   3. Treasurer: Jim Neal
      1. Examined the reports for the first two months of the year. Nothing particular of note at this time.
      2. Asked Sam Jack to send out two messages to the ALA membership. The first message encouraging members to join or renew their membership with IFRT. Second message to encourage end of year donations.
2. **REPORT FROM OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**  Betsy Gomez
   1. Office continues to be very busy answering requests for support from libraries, librarians, and community activists.
   2. United Against Book Bans has been working on a fundraising campaign.
   3. Working on next year’s initiatives for Right to Read Day, National Library Week, and Banned Books Week.
3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. Bylaws Committee: Steve Norman
      1. We have been asked to hold off on our revisions pending the results of further guidance from the Round Table Coordinating Assembly.
   2. Coalition Building Committee: Matt Sylvain
      1. Currently promoting and seeking nominations for the Hodges Award.
   3. Immroth Committee: Wanda Huffaker
      1. Home page and link for the Immroth Award has been updated. A press release has been prepared that will go out after the first of the year.
   4. Merritt Fund Support Committee: Molly Meisenheimer
      1. Slides and flyer prepared for LibLearnX and PLA.
      2. Working on a fundraiser for ALA Annual.
      3. Norman notes the current balance in the fund is $13,000. Funds are dispersed through the Freedom to Read Foundation.
   5. Oboler Memorial Award Committee: Steph Barnaby
      1. Four nominations have already been received. The deadline for nominations is January 2nd.
   6. Publications and Communications Committee: Sam Jack
      1. Shared information on the Oboler Award several times via social media. Will work on sharing in ALA Connect.
      2. Please share content suggestions for the next newsletter to go out in February.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. FRTF Membership renewal
      1. Neal moved to renew our membership. Pekoll seconded. Motion passed.
5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE ROUND TABLE**
   1. Gomez will send out a scheduling poll to find a new date for the January meeting.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**
   1. Sand adjourned the meeting at 3:32 pm CDT.