

REFORMA OR Meeting
5/12/18
Milton-Freewater Library

Present:

Matias Torres(Eugene), Elizabeth Lopez(Hillsboro), Pati Moran(MCL, Rockwood branch), Violeta Garza(MCL, Troutdale branch), Angelica Novoa De Cordeiro(Canby), Erin Wells(Milton-Freewater), Star Khan(Driftwood), Rhina Barahona(Milton-Freewater), Kathy Street(OTLD), Claudia(Irrigon), Soraida Lopez(Boardman)

Virtual:

Bobbye Hernandez(MCL, Kenton branch), Gabriela Hernandez(Deschutes), Sarah White(Eugene), Natalia Fernandez(OSU), Deborah Gitlitz(Wilsonville), Kristen Cure(Springfield)

Meeting Approval from Feb meeting: Violeta pointed out that the OH Yea award is spelled incorrectly. Angelica pointed out a mistake in the sharing section under her update: 35 students attended **this** year, not last. Matias moved to approve, Star second. Approved

Chair's Report:

REFORMA National--Fraud was committed with nationals account. There were loss of funds totaling almost \$42,000 in Spring of 2017 due to a phishing scam. This was all done through wire transfers. Special committee was formed in June of 2017 to investigate how and why this happened. Their recommendations for REFORMA moving forward are that only a few people have access to accounts, president and treasures signatures required on checks, orientation for new leadership team, treasurer be bonded, have insurance for officers, change banks, hire a bookkeeper, payments for services or goods need invoice and that they undergo an annual audit. Unfortunately there will be consequences for the leadership that was in charge at the time. REFORMA OR is working with our regional representative, David Lopez, on status of our accounts.

Natalia suggests we remain vigilant about these phishing scams. Matias received an email that seemingly came from Natalia asking for money from our account. He knew better and we were able to avoid being scammed. He says he also receives emails from Elizabeth asking for money as well.

We are current on our requirements for the state of OR. Turned in our report to S.O.S. and are current until March of next year. Charitable activities report for DOJ due in Sept. We will need to submit annual report of activities to REFORMA National soon, just waiting to hear from them.

Treasurer's report:

Balance from last US bank statement in April: \$798.29

- we purchased one speaker to be used for meetings \$85
- paid for lunch for one of our presenters at OLA session \$28

Balance from OLA account statement in March: \$360

- we paid out \$450 in scholarship funds from this account

Fundraising:

Update on Raffle for stay at upcoming meeting: We can have a Paypal account to receive funds but we will pay .30 per transaction. No monthly fee. Money will then be transferred to our bank account. Paypal is responsible for security of transactions. Angelica is asking for feedback on if we should go ahead and do this. In order to set up the account with Paypal we need to send our bank acct info, confirm that we are a charitable 501, provide EIN, and send a copy of bank statement or voided check. Pati asked if there would be any conflicts with OLA. Elizabeth will check with Shirley and will report back to leadership team with her findings. We will then vote on it through email so we can get it going for the Sept meeting.

Amazon Smile- They pay out quarterly. Small contributions from first quarter, but it is working.

Escrip- Small deposits coming in but it's also working.

Information on how to sign up for these programs to support our chapter is available on our webpage. We will also resend the information through the listserv.

Mock Pura Belpre:

Pati and Martin have started putting a list of books together that should be considered. Just picture books this year. Alice from Estacada will be hosting in November. Date is TBD. Martin, Kristen, Alice and Gabriela H. are on this committee.

Communications:

We updated website to include more photos and up-to-date links. This was suggested at last meeting. If anyone has any other updates, please send to Natalia. Scholarships recipients need to fill out featured REFORMISTA form and send to Natalia as well. Facebook has also been updated. Deborah suggested we add the NW Central link to our OLA presentations from this year.

Scholarships:

We had 2 winners this year thanks to a matching funds grant from OLA:

Rhina Barahona from Milton-Freewater Library
Itza Vilaboy from San Diego County Library

We will need to submit a report to OLA by August 31st showing how we used the funds.

We only had 2 applicants so next year we will need to promote the scholarship more. Hopefully, the OLA program will be available again so we can continue to send 2 people.

Libros for Oregon(LfO):

We went to FIL last year and purchased items for 9 Oregon Libraries. Applications for this year's cohort has now gone live! We now need to figure out logistics on transferring duties from LfO council to REFORMA. RORT agreed to oversee this new subcommittee at a previous meeting and to provide at least half its members. The LfO LSTA grant ends in June and we will need to have a solid plan in place before then because the new committee will need to start organizing the cohort right away. This committee will be responsible for promoting the program, vetting applicants and selecting the current year's cohort, working with vendors, organizing with FIL and ALA and supporting travelers to FIL. They will also be the ones to move forward with presentations at conferences/meetings. There will also be lots of administrative work. We will need 8-10 members for this.

Current advisory council members are: Erin(Milton-Freewater), Angelica(Canby), Star(Driftwood), Martin(WCCLS), Ted(Newport), Charla(Klamath), Katie Anderson(WCCLS), Josie H.(Deschutes) and Barrett M(Oregon City).

Deborah and Star will move on to the new committee to help advise them. Elizabeth and Angelica have also agreed to be a part of it. Kathy has agreed to be a representative from OLA and Shirley Roberts(OLA) has agreed to be the fiscal agent for the program.

Tech Services, OYAN(Violeta), CSD, Outreach and International Relations round tables have all expressed interest in being a part of the committee.

Star moved to form the subcommittee, Elizabeth seconded. All approve. It shall be.

Deb and Star will contact the other roundtables who expressed interest, to recruit the rest of the members.

Fun note: OTLD will be sending 3 travelers to FIL this year thanks to being a part of last year's LfO cohort. Yay! Mission accomplished!

OLA Conference/Creando Enlaces debrief:

Creando enlaces was a 2 day conference in California and Tijuana. This year's focus was supporting and working with immigrants and refugees. Lots of great information. Go to www.creandoenlaces.org for more info on topics that were discussed.

Martin sent a report on his experience. His highlights include presentations from Kids in need of defense (KIND), Toronto Public Library and LAPL. He said it was the best conference he has ever attended.

Immigration and Ice presentation at OLA by Elizabeth, Alice and Gabriela H. partnered with Sue Ludington from the Legal Reference roundtable. They took a survey of attendees and got lots of great feedback. People want more information on the issue. It would be a good idea to make this a pre-conference at next year's joint conference with WLA.

We want REFORMA ribbons for the next conference!

We should also think about having a poster at the next conference.

Star will contact organizers of JCLC and see if can do a poster or something at that conference.

Chapter Officer Nominations:

A more formal process for elections has been created and added to by-laws. Past president is in charge of seeking nominees and organizing elections. They contact current leadership team

and talk about potential individuals that could fill these roles, then puts a call out to the listserv looking for nominations. People can also self nominate.

Nominees/Positions for 2018/2019 FY are:

Vice President/President elect-- Star Khan, Driftwood Public Library

Co-Secretaries-- Alice Ververa, Estacada Public Library and Violeta Garza, Troutdale Library

Treasurer-- Sarah White, Eugene Public Library

Nominees all formally accept and will need to submit a bio statement and photo to Natalia in the next few weeks. Voting will follow.

New leadership team and transition will take place in June.

OLA Scholarship recipient presentation:

Rhina Barahona from Milton-Freewater Library. She has never worked in a library before so the opportunity to go to OLA and get ideas was invaluable. She was delighted to bring lots of information back to share with her co workers and Latino community. The conference really opened up her mind about what more they can do at her library such as promote parent involvement, increase partnerships and support their local immigrant population. Currently working on creating a resource wall. She has been focusing her outreach efforts on adults rather than kids. Director supports her efforts and she has a great support system at work. She is excited to take what she has learned and share it with her community.

There was lots of discussion on the benefits of providing notary services, especially in Spanish, to their patrons.

Collection Highlights:

Live document: [Collection Development Ideas 2018](#)

Pati--

- The little Red Fort by Brenda Maier(available in English and Spanish)
- Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal
- One of a kind by Chris Gorman

Elizabeth--

- Alphabet Boats by Samantha R Vamos
- The Field by Bapiste Paul
- How are you/Como Estas by Angela Dominguez
- Islandborn by Junot Diaz

Violeta--

- Sólo es un piropo(translation of Take it as a compliment)...Graphic novel by Maria Stoian. Will be released in the US in Spanish in August. Can also pre order from Ingram and Amazon

Local Library Info:

Milton-Freewater has about 7000 people but serves a wide geographical area, so closer to 11,000

Community is close knit and there is a great effort to better it.

52% Hispanic Population

85% of students speak a different language

32% poverty rate

Rhina is the only Spanish speaker

Library built in 2003

Is part of the Umatilla County Library District. All 12 cities in the district have a library. Provides about 50% of support for the library. Most of the rest comes from the city.

Staff of 5

Member Updates:

Matias- Working on outreach efforts. Finally have a dedicated teen space. This has caused an increase in teens in the library and at teen events. There is an open position in Adult Services available.

Elizabeth- 4th year they have had a DIA celebration. Had about 250 people for a 2 hour event. Different activity stations throughout the library. Face painting, green screen station, book giveaways, button making, loteria and coloring. They do a passport. Need to complete 3 of the 6 activities to get free book and cake.

Pati- Programming dept is looking to do drag queen story hour. Went to a training for First Aid Mental health and addiction in Spanish.

Violeta- Mariachi (Viva Mexico) for Dia de las Madres. 60 ppl attended. Gave out sweet bread, bottled water and carnations for all mothers

Angelica- Remodeling the teen area because the Board would like a more inviting space for them. Friends of the Library has increased budget for programming. Did a scavenger hunt for 2nd grade students. They closed the library just for them. STEAM night has been going well.

Erin- Gearing up for summer reading. Doing adult summer reading for the first time. Will be serving food during summer reading programs. 20 programs in 9 weeks. Family puzzle night went well. Storytime attendance has increased tremendously. Is working on expanding the area to accommodate more people. They are also having an adult painting class next week.

Star- Held our first DIA celebration and had about 80 people show up. We also unveiled our new Spanish collection(fromFIL) to the public that night. There was much excitement and we let people know we would be returning again this year so to start requesting items. This event satisfied one of the Outreach activity requirements from LfO.

Rhina- First Spanish speaker at her library! Is also in charge of Adult Craft Night. They made wine cork door mats last month.

Soraida- Promoting their LfO collection. Has been going out in the community and giving presentations about the new collection. Really emphasizing that the library isn't just for children but for adults as well.

Kathy- Library has signed up for Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Rippey Foundation in Portland will pay 50% of costs for the first 3 years. This offer is good for any rural library that isn't on the I-5 corridor. Started doing adult craft nights and it is going well.

Kristen- This was my 6th DIA—we fill up the lobby of city hall (a huge open space right outside of the library) with activity tables for kids. We collaborate with Eugene PL for advertising and some performers. Springfield's celebration is Saturday and Eugene's is Sunday. This year 15 different community organizations hosted activity tables. We had a center performance stage where youth groups performed: ballet folklórico, choir groups from bilingual programs at our schools, the high school mariachi and then we invited Aztec dancers from Woodburn (they were awesome). We had our largest crowd for any of our Springfield library events: 1,000 people! We have really good word-of-mouth marketing through community organizations and the Spanish language radio stations...one challenge I face every year is getting the local English language TV or newspaper to come to our event. Our Latino community is so underrepresented in Eugene/Springfield and it would be so positive for the rest of the community to see such a large, vibrant, positive event in the news. We also have an open Adult Services position! I'll send info on the listerv! We will soon have an open 1/2 time tech position, too.

Sarah- Will be attending trainings on online privacy this summer:
<https://libraryfreedomproject.org/lfi/>. Reports there has been lots of positive administration changes

Next Meeting:

Will be at a Hillsboro location on Sat Sept 8th from 10am-4pm

