

Connecticut Library Association – Executive Board Meeting
Middletown Library Service Center
August 4, 2011

- I. Call to Order: Betty Anne called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Board Introductions: Board members introduced themselves.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Mary Etter moved to accept the minutes of June 9, 2011 seconded by Christina Baum, motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. President's Report:
 - I. Betty Anne announced the orientation for new board members would immediately follow the regular board meeting.
 - II. The revised CLA by-laws passed so a vote needs to be sent out to confirm Betsy Bray's nomination for honorary membership. Mary Etter said a majority vote of the respondents is acceptable.
 - b. Treasurer's Report:
 - I. Alison Wang distributed and reviewed the budget for FY2011/2012.
 - II. If sections need money for ADA accommodations they should contact Elaine Krikorian.
 - III. Alison noted there has been a huge range of fees charged for non-conference programs and she suggested there be a review of this issue. Chairs are reminded that programs need to at least break even and they should be using StarChapter now for registration.
 - IV. Kate Byroade moved to accept the budget for FY2011/2012, Carl Demilia seconded, motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Secretary's Report:
 - I. StarChapter is working well for sending out meeting notices, agenda's etc. Instead of printing a separate board list, Beth will add all names to the listing on StarChapter where members can access contact information.
 - II. Please send any lengthy reports to Beth via email to facilitate the accurate recording of minutes.
 - d. Strategic Plan
 - I. Barbara Bailey gave an update on the status of the Strategic Plan and asked for four or five volunteers to serve on the committee.

V. New Business

- a. Appointment of Kate Byroade as Membership Chair
 - I. Mary Etter moved to approve Betty Anne's appointment of Kate Byroade as the new Membership Chair, Debbie Herman seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- b. Changes to CLC contract
 - I. Jill Dugas Hughes reviewed the changes to the contract between CLA and CLC. CLC will now provide a full-time bookkeeper but costs will be reduced as only necessary tasks are handled.
 - II. Other than routine matters, members should refer questions to Jill for handling.
 - III. Alison moved to accept the new contract, Kate Byroade seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- c. Approval of by-laws for Young Adult Section
 - I. Mary Etter moved to approve the revised by-laws of the young adult section, Carl Demillia seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- d. Third Annual Library Leadership Institute
 - I. Debbie Herman reported the Library Leadership Institute was successful with over 70 people registered and she has received great feedback to help with planning next year's event.
- e. 2012 Conference Update
 - I. Steve Cauffman reported the 2012 Conference will be held at the Mystic Marriott on May 7th and 8th 2012. Section chairs will receive paperwork for proposing programs at the next board meeting.

VI. Reports

- a. Editorial Section
 - I. Kate Sheehan reported interviews for the new editor are being scheduled.
 - II. Members are encouraged to submit content and ideas to the newsletter.
 - III. Discussion about the possibility of hiring an intern to assist the editor.
- b. NELA
 - I. Mary Etter reported the NELA annual conference will be held in Burlington, Vermont on October 2-4, 2012. This is the beginning of NELA's plan to partner with state organizations to plan the conference and Connecticut might want to consider a similar arrangement in the future.
 - II. Mary offered congratulations to the Connecticut participants selected for the 2011 New England Library Leadership Symposium: Vicki Oatis, Lucy Maziar, and Kristina Edwards.

- c. Children's
 - I. Lynn Zafino reported the Children's Section Fall Program is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 at the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library in Monroe.
- d. State Library
 - I. Ken Wiggin outlined the contingency planning currently taking place in the face of possible state budget cuts. The State Library will send out detailed communications to libraries. There are also possible federal funding cuts and issues regarding the privatization of the printing of government documents.
 - II. An advisory council is looking at possible statewide solutions to the e-book accessibility issue.
 - III. A physical and online exhibit and speaker events are planned to commemorate the anniversary of 9/11.
- e. Young Adult
 - I. Chris Angeli reported a survey indicated their members want more interaction with authors so they will try to work that into upcoming programs including the annual meeting scheduled for November 17 at the Wallingford Public Library.
- f. Public Libraries
 - I. Barbara Bailey reported the Public Libraries Section annual meeting is scheduled for October 5 and will focus on special libraries the public can visit.
- g. CLC
 - I. Jill Dugas Hughes reported CLC is also in the midst of contingency planning in light of proposed state budget cuts. CLC has approximately a year's worth of reserve funds to operate on.
 - II. CLC plans to have a more complete list of upcoming professional development opportunities for the next year.
- h. Region 2
 - I. The Mark Twain branch of the Hartford Public Library will be moving into the Hartford High School. The shared space will open on or about September 1. Watch CONNTech for more updates.
 - II. West Hartford Public Library has completed construction on a new, 8 seat technology teaching lab. Classes in the new lab are scheduled to start on September 1.
 - III. Burlington Public Library is having carpet tiles installed in Children's Services and our Community Room early September and a new roof put on soon I hope! The carpet tiles are made possible by a grant from STEAP (Small Town Economical Assistance Program).

- i. Region 4
 - I. Beth Dominianni is the new Library Director at the Mark Twain Library in Redding, replacing Heather Morgan, who recently retired. Previously, Beth was an Assistant Director at the Westport Public Library.
 - II. This summer, the Greenwich Library is offering a series of eBook University workshops to give patrons hands on experience with a variety of eReader devices. Each workshop focuses on a single device, such as the iPad, Nook, Kindle, Kobo, Pandigital, etc.
- j. Region 5
 - I. Seymour is having a busy summer with 26 programs in 6 weeks; they hope to keep children and families busy during staycations.
 - II. On August 26, in conjunction with the principals of the three elementary schools, they will be holding their 2nd annual K-Reception for children and their parents. This program is possible through a grant from the Small Grants Program sponsored by the Valley Foundation. All incoming kindergarten students in Seymour are invited. Children meet their fellow students, parents receive information and the chance to meet principals and k- teachers - the library has a jointly supported effort with the schools and everyone has a good time.
 - III. Due to the state of the economy, Eileen Branciforte feels we need to increase our membership. There is confusions over the new dues structure and when membership payments are due. She proposes the need for a membership drive, which “could make us all aware of our need to stand together as librarians of all kinds.”
 - IV. The Town of Chester has an RFP out for architectural services to determine the possibility of renovation /expansion of the library on its existing site.
 - V. Hamden will be honoring former U.S. Poet Laureate, and Hamden native, Donald Hall with two special events this fall. Wednesday, September 14, Yale University professor Mark Schenker will lead a discussion on Hall’s works and on Friday, September 16 the Library will partner with the Hamden Historical Society, The Connecticut Poetry Society, The Hamden Arts Council and The Friends of the Hamden Library to celebrate both the release of Mr. Halls’ latest book of poems, *The Back Chamber* and the occasion of Mr. Hall’s 83rd birthday.
 - VI. E.C. Scranton Memorial Library - Sandy Long, Library Director for 42 years, has announced her retirement, effective October 14, 2011.

VII. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mary Etter, seconded by Debbie Herman. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Crowley
Recording Secretary

Attendees: Glenn Grube, Kate Byroade, Betty Anne Reiter, Carl DeMillia, Christina Baum, Alison Wang, Jill Dugas Hughes, Mary Engels, Elaine Krikorian, Ed O'Hara, Mary Etter, Susan Slaga, Debbie Herman, Ken Wiggin, Kate Sheehan, Steve Cauffman, Sheri Szymanski, Lynn Zaffino, Beth Crowley, Chris Angeli, Jill Adams, Barbara Bailey, Katy Dillman, Benjamin Shum, Vicki Oatis, Lucy Maziar, Linda Avellar, Arlene Bielefield, Peter Ciparelli