

Connecticut Library Association Executive Board Meeting
July 11, 2013
Middletown Library Service Center

- I. Call to Order: Richard Conroy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Board introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2012: Corrections to the minutes were made by Mary Etter. Minutes were seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Richard Conroy reminded attendees that annual reports are required from section groups, committees from the past year.
 - ii. Orientation has been rescheduled for after the September meeting. It will cover budget procedures, conference submissions, navigating Star Chapter, PEG Basics. It will last approximately one hour immediately follow the meeting.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Christina Baum reported that she does not have a final budget because of lack of complete information.
 - ii. CLASS and Technology Section still need to submit their completed budgets.
- V. New Business
 - a. Newsletter Schedule – Jen Datum solicited input for the August newsletter and reminded folks that you do not have to be on the editorial committee to contribute articles for the newsletter. Deadline for monthly issue is the 15th day of prior month for a publication on the 1st. Newsletters will be printed on demand. Send articles to editor@ctlibrarians.org. Congratulations to Jen Datum and Doug Lord for doing a good job on the newsletter.
 - b. Star Chapter mini-training is scheduled during the next board meeting on September 5th
 - c. Information Literacy Conference – Carl Antonucci reported that 100 people attended the 3rd annual Connecticut Information Literacy Conference on June 7th with keynote speaker Sharon Weiner. Mr. 'Antonucci proposed to expense ILC funds to the College and University section since they make money from W.C. Cox Sponsorship. He also recommended they could build free registration into ILC budget. Richard Conroy and the Academic Committee agree that the ILC becomes a program of the College and Academic Section.
 - d. Library Leadership Institute – The 5th annual Library Leadership Institute is scheduled for Friday August 9th at the University of Hartford. Early registration is \$35. Keynote speaker is Peter Bromberg, Associate Director Princeton Public Library. Richard Conroy put forth a motion to move this annual event under the aegis of the Career Development committee with Michael Spellmon as chair since it encourages leadership skills.
- VI. Reports

- a. ADA
 - i. Ed Morrissey contacted committee members and submitted budget.
- b. ALA
 - i. Carl Antonucci reported that Connecticut is the first state in the US to pass eBook legislation HB 5614.
 - ii. Resolutions passed at ALA Council: Natural Disaster contribution, Reaffirmation of Basic Literacy Commitment, Video Game Support, Freedom to Read, No public prayers, and the Need for Reforms for the Intelligence Community to Support Privacy, Open Government, Government Transparency, and Accountability/3.
- c. CLC
 - i. Jennifer Keohane relayed information about upcoming events: Marketing round table at HH Clinton Library, Trend spotting at Westport Makerspace in October which will kick year long maker training programs for different environments and budgets.
 - ii. ALA programs on the Affordable Care Act are available to public libraries. CLC is partnering with the Universal Health Care Foundation of CT advocacy group on a film discussion series to encourage community dialog on health care reform, librarian training and resources. Dawn LaValle added that there is good information available through the State Library.
 - iii. CLC is renewing dues.
 - iv. Book bid is due out July 1st offering statewide discount of up to 46.6% from different vendors.
 - v. Jennifer requested that folks who have events that require registration to please bring it to board's attention since there may be discrepancies between what your report and what you actually collect. She recommends that CLA puts a system in place through Star Chapter that would be supported by an official CLA policy.
- d. Children's
 - i. Mary Beth Rassulo reported that they are planning an annual conference with a focus on nonfiction/common core for September or October.
 - ii. A new board position was created for the Children's section, Co-Chair Elect. Christina Hill from prospect Public Library is the Co-Chair Elect.
- e. Conference 2014
 - i. Chris Angeli reported dates for the 123rd annual conference have been confirmed for April 28-29 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT.
 - ii. There will be an increase in budget over last year and will include upgrade in food and speaker fees.
 - iii. Keynote speaker for Monday is Siva Vaidhuanathan, author of *The Googlization of Everything (and why we should worry)*.
 - iv. The theme for this year's conference is *Reinspire, Reignite*.
- f. Legislative

- i. Carl Antonucci reported that a legislative summit will be held to finalize lobbyist Bobby Shea’s contract.
- g. Membership
 - i. Cindy Schofield continues to work on new membership.
- h. NELA
 - i. Mary Etter reported that they received a wonderful response to NELS application. Caitlin Augusta will be a facilitator, along with Maureen Sullivan. Connecticut attendees will be: Christine Angeli (Russell Library, Middletown), Brandie Doyle (Russell Library, Middletown), Karen Jensen (James Blackstone Memorial Library, Branford), and Sarah McCusker (Windsor Public Library).
- i. PEG
 - i. Peter Ciparelli said there is money available for 2 applicants for PEG money up to \$400 each.
- j. Public Libraries
 - i. Sally Tornow said the first meeting will be in the scheduled in the fall.
- k. Reference and Adult Services
 - i. Sarah Marek said they are meeting July 29th to discuss the fall program.
- l. Technical Services
 - i. Alison Wang said the new committee will schedule a meeting to look for interesting topics.
- m. Young Adult
 - i. Kristi Sadowski and Bailey Ortiz said the YA meeting will be scheduled in November.
- n. Region 2 – Marjorie Ruschau
 - i. Many libraries have added adult summer reading programs to the children’s summer programs they’ve had in the past.
 - ii. Avon Public Library has added pre-loaded Nook tablets for check out.
 - iii. Berlin Peck Library has added the database Pricelt! Antiques & Collectibles.
 - iv. Burlington Public Library has added pre-loaded eReaders for check out.
 - v. East Granby Library is having a multigenerational summer town read with “*A Long Walk to Water*” by Linda Sue Park.
 - vi. Farmington Library held a speed dating of books this week.
 - vii. Welles-Turner Library, Glastonbury, hosted a squid dissection for high school students.
 - viii. Hartford Public Library added a new bookmobile and will be hosting Josh Hanagarne, author of the “*The World’s Strongest Librarian: A Memoir of Tourette’s, Faith, Strength, and the Power of Family,*” on July 17.
 - ix. Lucy Robbins Welles Library, Newington, hosted marathon runner Bill Rodgers.
 - x. Simsbury Public Library is now offering Indie Flix and is sponsoring a harp relaxation series for young teens.
 - xi. Southington Library bought a 3D copier with a \$4,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain.

- xii. West Harford Public Library has a children’s program “Library as Incubator”, which includes learning about book illustrators and drawing their own book illustrations.
 - xiii. Windsor Public Library, Wilson Branch, reopened after renovations that include a geothermal heating and cooling system, a fire sprinkler system, an improved entry and book drop, and a new children’s room.
- o. Region 3 – Peter Ciaparell
- i. Hall Memorial Library, Ellington, is showing movies this summer on Fridays at 1 PM and Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.
 - ii. Mansfield Public Library now has an iPad playground for teens and tweens. They invite teens and tweens to come and play with their new fun apps on their iPads. This program is for people from 11 -19 years of age.
 - iii. Killingly Public Library began operating on their reduced hours effective July 1st. The library is now closed on Mondays and is open Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays 9:30- 7 PM, Fridays 9:30-5:30 PM, and Saturdays 9:30-1 PM. The library is well into its summer reading program “Dig into Reading” along with using the New Alliance Foundation grant for “Ready for the Grade”, a program to help incoming First through Third Graders retain their reading skills throughout the summer months.
 - iv. Quite Corner Reads finished another successful season on June 18th with its finale at the Pomfret School. Over 125 people attended the program and enjoyed author Archer Mayor as he shared his anecdotes about life as a Vermonter and author, and how he is inspired to write those fascinating mysteries of his.
 - v. Tolland Public Library – On June 11th the Tolland Town Council voted to send the proposed expansion plan for the library to a vote in the November elections.
- p. Region 4 – Sheri Szymanski
- i. Lisa Oldham is the new Executive Director of the New Canaan Library. Previously with the National Library of New Zealand, she advised the government and schools on the development of library services and buildings. Prior to that, she managed the library system for a regional district. In addition, New Canaan has acquired property adjacent to their current location in preparation for a reconfigured Library Campus.
 - ii. Greenwich Library will partner with Yale Alumni College to offer a new lecture series this October and November. The six-week course, Opera on Screen, will be taught by Yale Professor Judith Adelia Malafronte. The series will provide an introduction to opera, focusing on the Metropolitan Opera Company's Live in HD transmissions of works by Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, Puccini, and Verdi. Course participants will examine librettos and source material, and will be introduced to the social and musical conventions of opera.
 - iii. Brookfield Library is offering Dear Reader Online Book Clubs for Teens, featuring a variety of genre’s including fiction, non-fiction, romance, mystery, science

fiction, audio, business, horror and pre-publications. Every week, participants sample a new book. Each day, a 5 minute read is delivered via email and at the end of the week; the ending page number is given so that you know where you left off. Twice a week, the facilitator offers links to AuthorBuzz to introduce new authors.

- iv. The New Fairfield Free Public Library has partnered with Donation Line LLC to offer an opportunity for supporters to donate cars, trucks, boats, RV, Jet Ski or snowmobiles to the Library.
- v. The 38th Annual Friends of the C.H. Booth Library Book Sale is planned for July 13-17 at the Reed Intermediate School in Newtown

V. Adjournment

Attendees: Jennifer Keohane, Christina Baum, Christy Billings, Gerald Seagrave, Steven Bernstein, Sarah Marek, Arianna Schlegel, Sally Tornow, Sheri Szymanski, Carl Antonucci, Jennifer Datum, Kate Byroade, Peter Ciaprelli, Carl DeMilia, Richard Conroy, Michele Martin, Dan Lewis, Michael Spellmon, Chris Angeli, Douglas Lord, Paula Cook, Patricia Lunn, Alison Wang, Mary Beth Rassulo, Mary Etter, Marge Ruschau, David Boudinot, Bernadette Niedermeier, Ed Morrissey, Dawn Lavalley, Christina Hill, Kristi Sadowski, Bailey Ortiz.