

Connecticut Library Association – Executive Board Meeting  
Middletown Library Service Center  
November 3, 2011

- I. Call to Order: Betty Anne Reiter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Board Introductions: None
- III. Approval of Minutes: Lynn Zaffino noted her name was not spelled correctly. Su Epstein moved to accept the corrected minutes of October 6, 2011 seconded by Christina Baum, motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
  - a. President's Report:
    - I. Betty Anne passed around thank you letters from Betsy Bray and the Nutmeg Committee.
    - II. To aid bookkeeping, sections should include the name of their section as sponsor when listing meetings or workshops on Starchapter.
    - III. Paula Cook from Manchester Community College Library would like to restart the Reference/Adult Services Section. Anyone who is interested should contact Paula.
  - b. Treasurer's Report:
    - I. Alison Wang said CLA's income level is fine and there will be no problem paying the deposit for the annual conference. She noted the snowstorm may have delayed some reimbursement checks for fall programs but they should be out soon.
  - c. 2012 Conference Update:
    - I. Steve Cauffman reviewed the program proposals that were submitted for the conference. The committee has received 70 proposals to date (last year there were 53 programs presented) but there are still gaps for certain topics. There is no set budget for the programs rather the committee spends a certain amount with the hope registration fees will cover the costs. With this in mind, Steve said the committee may have to ask program planners to lower their requests and everyone should be aware of CLA's policy on fees and honorariums. Librarians who work in Connecticut are considered Connecticut librarians for the purposes of reimbursement. Discussion followed regarding whether it is

better to offer more sessions that run concurrently or fewer sessions so there will be less chance for conflicts.

V. New Business – no new business.

VI. Reports

a. ADA

- I. Elaine Krikorian reported their fall program, “What’s Reasonable? ADA Accommodations & Your Library” was held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wallingford Public Library. Elaine said according to presenter Marc Anthony Gallucci, all towns should have an ADA coordinator and there should also be one in each library. Marc will be providing training in eastern Connecticut in February and Elaine wondered if there was interest in having similar training held in Fairfield County.

b. Archivist

- I. Gerald Seagrave announced he is working at the State Library as a reference and genealogy librarian.

c. CLASS

- I. Kathleen Cataldi announced the CLASS Fall Conference will be held on Friday, November 18 at the University of Hartford.

d. Customer Service

- I. Jennifer Keohane reported three people who came to their fall program would like to join the committee.

e. Editorial

- I. Kate Sheehan reported Lisa Carlucci Thomas has been hired as Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.
- II. CLA Today will be re-launched with the December issue. Please submit recaps of fall programs and book reviews for the annual “Just One Book” column.

f. Friends of Connecticut Libraries

- I. Carl Nawrocki said their annual conference will be held as scheduled.

g. Membership

- I. Kate Byroade thanked Ben Shum for helping to organize the CLA Meet Up on Saturday, November 5 in New Haven. The committee is hoping to offer additional Meet Ups in the spring and early summer and is looking for ideas.

- h. Public Libraries
  - I. Mary Engels reported the submission deadline to nominate libraries for the “Excellence in Public Library Service” award has been extended to November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- i. State Library
  - I. State Librarian, Ken Wiggin passed out a summary sheet of State Library activities.
  - II. ACLPD held its first meeting to examine the e-book issue followed by participation in an E-Book Summit sponsored by Library Journal.
  - III. Due to the snowstorm the Annual Report and Application for State Aid deadline has been extended to November 22nd.
  - IV. Ken suggested CLA send out a press release relating how Connecticut libraries helped people during storms Irene and Alfred. As Betty Anne will be on vacation, she asked libraries to send any stories to Beth Crowley to compile.
- j. Young Adult
  - I. Chris Angeli announced the Young Adult Section’s annual fall meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17 at the Wallingford Public Library.
- k. Christina Baum announced the first children’s program to be held at Southern Connecticut State University will take place on Saturday, November 12 and feature author Dr. Michael Sampson who will read and sign his books.
- l. Betty Anne announced the Groton Public Library is holding a Pitch-a-Palooza event on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Twenty participants will be chosen to give a one-minute pitch of their book idea to experts Arielle Eckstrut and David Henry Sterry, co-authors of the book “The Essential Guide to Getting Your Book Published” who will then advise participants on improving their pitch. Arielle and David would be interested in bringing this program to other libraries in the state.

- m. Region 1 – Sally Tornow
  - I. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Goshen Public Library offered Papillon, a New Orleans story/musician for all ages, at 3:00 pm.
  - II. On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Oliver Wolcott Library is having its Annual Festival of Trees from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm. This is their major fundraiser of the year.
- n. Region 4 – Sheri Szymanski
  - I. During the second extended power outage in Monroe in just two months, the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library served as an overnight shelter in addition to offering extended hours, entertainment and recharging facilities. Several families and individuals spent a night in the library until the regular shelter facilities had power restored.
  - II. Wilton Library hosted a *Ladies Night Out* silent auction event, which raises \$15,000-\$20,000 each year.
  - III. Ridgefield Library is hosting a *Sinatra in the Stacks* fundraiser, closing in on their \$15 million capital campaign goal.
  - IV. The Friends of the Weston Library are hosting a book sale November 4-6. Weston Library recently hosted an *Actors Reading Authors* program featuring Frank Converse.
- o. Region 5 – Chris Angeli
  - I. Many Region 5 Libraries have been closed or operating under reduced hours due to Winter Storm Alfred.
  - II. **Brainerd Library:** There have been many staff changes this year in the Brainerd Memorial Library Youth Services department. Diane Therrien, Youth Library Services Coordinator has retired after 9 years of service. Diane established programs such as Terrific Twos, Story Times, a Teen Volunteer Club and the very busy Summer Reading Programs. Her position has been filled by Diane Deedy. Diane received her Master of Science from Simmons College and undergraduate degree from Connecticut College. Her experience includes 12 years of public library service. She also serves on the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Connecticut. The library has also hired Sarah Gannon as the new Youth Librarian Assistant.
  - III. **Killingworth Public Library:** The library offered many diverse programs this month: Disappearing Faces of North American Bats

on 10/13 (and a children's version on 10/25, complete with "pin the bug on the bat"; the kids made collection boxes to collect money while trick-or-treating, to help support whitenose syndrome research); Putting the Gardens to Bed on 10/19 (with Bill Harris of Acer Gardens in Winthrop; great demand for more in this series!); Killingworth Author Series continues on 11/2 with author/illustrator John Himmelman. Some unique fundraising also took place: Fall Fair on 10/15 (featuring various vendors like Silpada Jewelry, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, etc.) and the last Pizza Delivery Night of the season on 10/22 (where board members and other volunteers make pizza deliveries around town, and the library gets all of the \$5 delivery charges, plus any tips).

IV. **Russell Library, Middletown:** Chris Angeli has been appointed the new Head of Circulation Services.

V. **Scranton Library, Madison:** The director search has been re-opened. Sandy Long, the former director, retired on October 14 after 41 years of service.

VII. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alison Wang, seconded by Kate Byroade. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Crowley  
Recording Secretary

Attendees: Betty Anne Reiter, Beth Crowley, Carl Demilia, Ken Wiggin, Mary Engels, Carl Nawrocki, Suzanne Maryeski, Peter Ciparelli, Gerald Seagrave, Kate Sheehan, Jennifer Keohane, Elaine Krikorian, Amy Terlaga, Su Epstein, Steve Cauffman, Chris Angeli, Benjamin Shum, Sheri Szymanski, Kate Byroade, Libby Mueller, Richard Conroy, Linda Avellar, Betsy McIlvaine, Lynn Zaffino, Libby Mueller, Dana Tonkonow, Alison Wang, Christina Baum, Kathleen Cataldi