

Connecticut Library Association – Executive Board Meeting
Middletown Library Service Center
September 1, 2011

- I. Call to Order: Betty Anne Reiter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Board Introductions: Board members introduced themselves.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Jennifer Keohane noted Barbara Bailey's name was misspelled in Section VI, Part F. Peter Ciparelli moved to accept the corrected minutes of August 4, 2011 seconded by Christina Baum, motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. President's Report: No Report
 - b. Vice President's Report
 - I. Michelle Martin and Ben Shum have been selected as the 2013 Conference Co-Chairs.
 - c. Treasurer's Report:
 - I. Alison Wang distributed and reviewed the profit/loss report for August 2011.
 - d. 2012 Conference Update:
 - I. The theme for the conference is "Meeting the Challenge!"
 - II. Vendor Registration will open this month. Vendor questions should be referred to Exhibits Chair, David Boudinot.
 - III. Two key note speakers have been scheduled: Kee Malesky, NPR librarian and Jon Michaud, librarian at The New Yorker.
 - IV. Steve Cauffman reviewed the Policies on Fees and Honoraria and Amy Terlaga reviewed the new Program Proposal Form. Links to both of these documents can be found on the CLA home page. Discussion followed regarding sections co-sponsoring with each other and CLC roundtables.
- V. New Business
 - a. CLA Position on proposal to share services between public and school libraries in Mansfield, CT.
 - I. Betty Anne reported Region 3 Representative, Su Epstein had asked her to write a letter outlining CLA's view on the proposal to share services between the school and public library in Mansfield. After some discussion, Board members agreed we should respond however, a letter outlining points for Mansfield to consider would be more appropriate than taking a specific position in this case. Betty Anne will draft a letter before September 26th and will contact CASL for input.

- b. Pilot program to circulate Energy Read and Transmit Devices
 - I. Betty Anne asked whether a proposal by Mystic Innovations to provide Connecticut libraries with ERT devices to circulate so patrons could gather real-time information about their home energy use would be of interest. Members felt this program would be worthwhile to pursue and may also be a good program for the conference.
- c. Support of the Nutmeg Book Awards
 - I. Money has been included in the current budget to support the Nutmeg Book Award.
- d. Update on talks between CLA, CLC, and the State Library
 - I. Debbie Herman reported 700 surveys were completed and the responses confirmed the committee's assumptions about the confusion between the roles of CLA, CLC and the State Library. The results will be made available to the Board and to Barbara Bailey to use for strategic planning purposes.
 - II. The committee agreed on the following action items: the leaders of each organization will continue to meet regularly and will invite CASL to join them, a joint continuing education calendar and corresponding marketing campaign will be developed, and a poster outlining the top ten things each organization offers will be created and distributed to libraries to hang in their staff areas.
- e. New England Library Leadership Symposium 2011 Report
 - I. Beth Crowley thanked CLA for nominating her to be Connecticut's mentor to NELLS this past August. It was an amazing symposium facilitated by Maureen Sullivan. Two of Connecticut's participants have expressed interest in becoming active in CLA. Beth strongly encouraged the Board to continue to support NELLS in future years.

VI. Reports

- a. CLASS
 - I. The fall conference has been planned for Friday, November 18 at the University of Hartford.
- b. Customer Service
 - I. A workshop entitled "It's More Than Customer Service: How Employees as Ambassadors Can Build Their Library's Fan Base" has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 23 at the Fairfield Public Library. The committee hopes to offer three additional workshops to other areas of the State.

- c. ACLB
 - I. The 2011 Trustee Leadership Conference entitled “Preparing Your Board for the Future” has been scheduled for Thursday, November 10th at Rensselaer Hartford.
- d. NELA
 - I. The annual conference will take place October 2–4 in Burlington, Vermont.
- e. Children’s
 - I. The annual meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 at the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library in Monroe.
- f. ADA
 - I. The fall ADA program has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 1 at the Wallingford Public Library. Entitled “What’s Reasonable? ADA Accommodations and Your Library” the program will feature Marc Anthony Gallucci, Director of the Center for Disability Rights.
- g. Region 2
 - I. The Cora J Belden Library will be having the front steps and the handicapped ramp redone (it was originally done in 2009 but there were structural issues.) Handicapped access will not be available from September 12 to September 30. There is also a possibility of closure for the week of September 26.
- h. Region 4
 - I. Mark Twain Library’s Labor Day Book Fair is on as scheduled this weekend, September 2-5.
 - II. Westport Library will be welcoming John Lithgow as their featured Malloy Lecture in the Arts speaker on Monday, October 17. Register at www.westportlibrary.org
 - III. Norwalk Public Library is offering the Universal Class service to their patrons. Developed by Recorded Books, Universal Class offers access to over 500 self-paced, non-credit, continuing education classes online.
- i. Region 6
 - I. The One Book, One Region Author, Jonathan Safran Foer will be speaking at Fitch High School in Groton on September 12.

VII. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Richard Conroy, seconded by Kate Byroade. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Crowley
Recording Secretary

Attendees: Betty Anne Reiter, Beth Crowley, Sally Tornow, Carl DeMillia, Richard Conroy, Peter Ciparelli, Christina Baum, Chris Angeli, Susan Lauricella, Mark Gore, Jill Adams, Jennifer Keohane, Sharon Brettschneider, Elaine Krikorian, Susan Slaga, Dana Tonkonow, Glenn Grube, Amy Terlaga, Sandy Rosado, Benjamin Shum, Kate Sheehan, Alison Wang, Sheri Szymanski, Mary Etter, Kate Byroade, Carl Antonucci, Suzanne Maryeski.