

## Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting

Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

### Middletown Library Service Center

1. Karen Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:05am.
2. Board Introductions.
3. The minutes from the December 3rd meeting were approved, with changes.
  - a. Peter Ciparelli moved to accept, seconded by Richard Conroy and unanimously approved.
4. Old Business
  - a. Lobbyist Bobby Shea will not participate. Three candidates were interviewed and the Gallow and Robinson firm was chosen. The contract was received via email. This year we will be hiring a firm as opposed to an individual so the pay is higher working with a group. Karen Jensen made a motion to accept the proposal. Peter Ciparelli seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report - Nicole Greco
  - a. November report reflects beginning of Conference Exhibitors registration (\$2850 so far). Through November, the fall workshops and "Passport to CT Libraries" have brought in almost \$1000 more than budgeted. Also Lisa Mann got our monthly telephone fee reduced. The budget was tight this year, so these both are helpful.
  - b. Please make sure to get expense requests in within 30 days. Please follow through with vendors to make sure they are sending along invoices in a timely manner.
  - c. Katy Dillmon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and the motion was passed unanimously.
6. New Business
  - a. Dawn (on behalf of Beth) - CLA has pledged commitment to a study on libraries to communities. Economic impact of Libraries and other cultural organizations in the greater community of CT study. Cost is \$10,000 for the study. CLA asked to commit \$500 to the study. Paid to Don Kepper-Smith.
  - b. Peter made a motion. Sally Tornow seconded and the motion was passed.
7. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports
  - a. Career Development: Richard Conroy
    - i. Salaries recommendations to be raised. Would like to make a motion for 2% increase for MLS and LTA full time positions. These have not been increased since 2012. Sue seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
    - ii. Moving forward toward mentorship program. Creating an internet mentorship program to match mentor and mentee or internships, using Starchapter. Working on publicity for CLA scholarships. Early Feb.
  - b. Commission on Educational Technology: Colleen Baile
    - i. The CET met on December 7<sup>th</sup> where the new Executive Director Doug Casey was introduced. Doug previously worked as a Director for CREC. His big initiative will be dealing with technology statewide and developing a strategic plan. There was also an at-length discussion about network connectivity in the state. There are regulations in place for something called municipal gain- which ensures that

towns will have space to be able to broaden their IT networks. After much discussion on the lack of availability of municipal gain space, a motion was made for the CET to support resolving the municipal gain of behalf of CET future projects. There was also a review of the annual report and pricing analysis, which is hard to do due to the uniqueness of the CEN. Next meeting is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>.

- c. CSL: Dawn LaValle
  - i. The State Digital Library was cut 9%. 5% was cut from the C-Car budget. 6% cut to grants. Extended Avant contract through March 31. Proposal was accepted to bring C-Car back to State Library. Currently expedited the transition. Approval to hire 4 drivers 1 part time driver. Leased 4 vans. Contracted for shelving to accommodate additional libraries. The routing system has been reconfigured. Transition may take some time, but will be more manageable. ACLPD will establish a Deliver It task force to manage sustainability. Not costing the state any additional money. Contribute federal funds saved to databases.
  - ii. College & University: Kristina Edwards Looking for Keynote speaker for the next Informational Literacy Conference.
- d. Conference 2016: Katy Dillman & Thomas Piezzo
  - i. Taking a last look at program schedule and sending notifications next week. Happy with how things are shaping up. Early Bird registration will be up by next Friday. Try to bring in projectors, it'll save us money. Happy hour-murder mystery that's Alice and Wonderland themed. Asking volunteers to take on a character or to organize.
- e. Customer Service: Ellen Cartledge & Lisa Karim
  - i. Submitted 8 conference programs and waiting to hear if they were accepted.
- f. Editorial: Marjorie Ruschau (Jen Datum)
  - i. Membership records have been cleaned up. Currently under 700 members. Working with Libby Post to rework portions of the Website. Next Newsletter in Feb.
- g. Intellectual Freedom: Kara Gilbert
  - i. Looking for committee members. Project, would like to update handbook from 1996. Send out an email about looking for members.
- h. Legislative: Carl Antonucci & Mary Etter
  - i. Thanks to everyone who contacted legislators. Agenda will be discussed with new lobbyist. Will contact legislative board with changes or additions. Topics for agenda: CT library statutes, communicating how libraries impact all citizens, working with educational committee to create library subcommittee, how will we craft the message that we're already a successful region and state, establishing library funding standards, continuing education including have an ALA accredited program. Libby Post Workshops, please sign up.
- i. NELA: Gail Hurley
  - i. Meeting coming up next week. No report.
- j. PEG: Peter Ciparelli
  - i. PEG has money. Up to \$400 for professional growth.

- k. Publicity: Kirk Morrison & Julie Ann Menders
  - i. The CLA Publicity Committee is meeting on Friday, January 8th, to discuss the following: Our Media Matters program, scheduled for Friday, March 11th, in Wallingford. We are currently booking guest speakers for this event. The CLA Publicity Awards application announcement went out last week. Applications are starting to come in already! Our request for a Legislative Office Building display for April 1 - 15, 2016 has been approved. Betty Ann Reiter will be working on this.
- l. Public Library: Sally Tornow
  - i. Closed signup for 123 passport libraries. There were only 87 last year. All have paid except 3 libraries.
- m. Technical Services: Laurie Haggan
  - i. Gail Hurley - nothing new to report and will be meeting again in February.
- n. Region 1: Sue Dowdell **Beacon Falls Public Library** will be starting their second 8 session series of Lego Robotics using the Mindstorm kits with students in grades 4-8. **Beardsley and Memorial Library** is holding a Bonsai workshop on Saturday, January 9 and a Concussions talk on January 28<sup>th</sup>. **Goshen Public Library** had a food for fines drive in December and hosts a writers group on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Noon. They encourage participants to bring lunch and something original to read. **Harwinton Library** has an update on their Renovation and Expansion. At a Town Meeting set for Tuesday, January 26 the Library Building Committee will request funds from the town surplus to commission the Design Development and Construction Plans for our proposed addition and renovation. These plans will allow us to make precise estimates of the cost of our project before we bring it to a referendum. Renowned former Educator and Morris resident, Diane Lauretano, will lead a discussion of the two novels by the award winning author, Harper Lee, on Wednesday, January 6 at 7 PM at the **Morris Public Library**. Naugatuck's **Howard Whittemore Library** is holding an AARP's Smart Driver program on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. Smart Driver is a single-session course that is a great refresher on the rules of the road, safety, and best practices that will keep you and your passengers secure in any kind of weather. Completion of Smart Driver may make participants eligible for a discount on your auto insurance. **Bakerville Library** in New Hartford has lots of news on its new website. A couple tidbits were about ping pong, where they invited patrons to come play on both **Christmas Eve** and **New Year's Eve** this year. They are also encouraging patrons to order online via Amazon Smile. Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the patron's favorite charitable organization, which will hopefully be the library. Sally Tornow will begin her new position as director of **New Milford Public Library** on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- o. Region 4: Kymberlee Powe Events at the **Bridgeport Public Library**. Every week we have some type of crafts at all of the branches – knitting and crochet clubs, adult coloring workshops and other crafts activities; plus video and board games, Anime Club, Indian cooking, Yoga and Tai Chi classes. *Burroughs – Saden*, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – cooking lesson with Chef Pierre, 2 pm – Book signing with Phylcia Brown, 4:30 pm. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> – Healthy Living series: aromatherapy and essential oils in our daily lives. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – genealogy roundtable with genealogist Bill Stansfield. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Concert: Conroy Warren, 2 pm.

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> Little Bits – get creative with technology and everyday objects, 4-5 pm. *Black Rock branch* - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>-- Finding that great job: building the tools and the confidence , 6:30pm. *Newfield branch* - Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – SBA workshops – The ABC’s of starting a small business, 5:30 pm. *North branch* - Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent Center Adult Book Club- The husband’s secret, Liane Moriaty, 10 am. **Norwalk**- Will host an author talk with Jory John and Mac Barnett on Wednesday Jan 20 at 4:30. They are the authors of *The Terrible Two*. **Easton**- will begin a robotics club using Lego Mindstorm kits and have begun circulating adult coloring books. **Bethel** will be hosting an art exhibit though out the month of January.

8. Karen Jensen adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:25am.

Attendance: Dawn LaValle, Colleen Bailie, Kym Powe, Jennifer Datum, Kristina Edwards, Allison Wilkos, Lisa Karim, Ellen G. Cartledge, Lorna Rhyins, Sally Tornow, Sue Dowdell, Melissa Ceraso, Carl DeMilia, Marge Ruschau, Christy Billings, Chris Angeli, Peter Ciparelli, Brandie Doyle, Kara Gilbert, Katy Dillman, Maria Bernier, Tom Piezzo, Richard Conroy, Steve Cauffman, Gail Hurley, Mary Etter, Lisa Mann, Frank W. Ridley.

The next regular meeting of the CLA Board will on February 4th at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kym Powe & Sunnie Scarpa, Recording Secretary.