

Minutes from the Connecticut Library Association Executive Board Meeting
March 5, 2015
Middletown Library Service Center

1. Dawn LaValle called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
2. Board Introductions
3. Minutes from February 5th meeting were approved as amended.
4. Old Business
 - a. President's Report – Dawn LaValle
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Nicole Greco
 - i. Received approval for American Express and other credit cards.
5. New Business
 - a. Career Development Facilitator Report - Jenna Mayotte
 - i. The fifth week of ALA training program is looking at the different needs of libraries, small versus large municipalities.
 - ii. Job Seeking programs, services and resources available to help libraries respond to patron needs and how to assess and draw out the right questions in the reference interview when helping job seekers because it is different from a standard reference interview.
 - iii. Dawn mentioned train the trainer tool kits and expanding relationships with other organizations outside the library, for example using certified experts.
 - iv. Ellen Cartledge is also taking similar program – job networking through Jewish Family Services. The program's instructor stresses life long learning as the new career model.
 - b. Advocacy Program Proposal – Dawn LaValle and Carl Antonucci
 - i. There was an in-depth discussion last meeting but we were unable to vote because we didn't have a quorum. The executive committee is to meet later. Karen Jensen is investigating a change in bylaws to allow for electronic voting. ACLB, CLC, Division of Development are on board but need a vote to finalize.
 - ii. Ken Wiggin recommended looking at bylaws for voting, too. It should be one vote per committee, NOT Committee Chair and Co Chair. Otherwise it is too difficult to make a quorum. Dawn and Ken agreed that there is a discrepancy in the bylaws that need to be clarified. Carl suggested that we vote at the annual conference to any changes and Dawn agreed.
 - iii. Dawn would like to review the entire by laws and make revisions, including guide lines for snow days
 - c. Presentation of 2015-2016 Candidate Slate – Beth Crowley
 - i. CLA Nominations:
 1. VP/President Elect – 2 years
 - a. Karen Jensen, Blackstone Library, Branford
 2. Treasure Elect – 3 years
 - a. Scott Brill, Milford Public Library
 - b. Diana Deedy, Brainer Library, Haddam

- c. Heather Brine, Guilford Public Library
 - 3. Recording Secretary – 2 years
 - a. Maria Bernier, CT State Library
 - b. Sunnie Lovelace, Wallingford Public Library
 - 4. Region 1 Representative – 2 years
 - a. Sue Dowdell, Beacon Falls Public Library
 - 5. Region 4 Representative – 2 years
 - a. Kymberlee Powe, Easton Public Library
 - 6. Region 5 Representative – 2 years
 - a. Christy Billings (incumbent), Russell Library, Middletown
 - b. Nancy Abbey, Milford Public Library
 - 7. NELA Representative – 2 years
 - a. Gail Hurley, CT State Library
 - 8. ALA Chapter Councilor – 3 years
 - a. Carl Antonucci (incumbent), CCSU
 - d. SCSU Letter to ALA – Dawn LaValle
 - i. The letter Richard Conroy distributed to the CLA Board of Directors for approval will be brought up again at the April meeting. In summary the letter states that the CLA Board of Directors agrees to work with the SCSU Master and Library and Information Science program by offering mentorship to students in the program and arrangement of student internships. It also goes on to say the CLA fully supports SCSU efforts to reestablish accreditation of its MLIS program through ALA.
6. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports
 - a. Awards – Christy Billings
 - i. They have received a number of submissions which will be reviewed the end of the week.
 - b. Career Development – Michael Spellmon
 - i. Richard Conroy is the new Career Development Chair.
 - ii. Received 17 MLS and 1 LTA applications. Scoring will be on March 15th.
 - c. CSL- Ken Wiggin
 - i. Budget Struggle now. Please make your representatives aware about the impact of the State budget on your local library. It helps if legislators keep hearing how important library services are to the community.
 - ii. Approximately 12 people turned out for the hearing. The Governor’s budget eliminated education network updates yet is encouraging high speed internet for schools and libraries.
 - iii. We need \$1.1 million in budget from the State or will lose Federal money.
 - iv. Ellen Cartledge offered to share contact information with Carl Antonucci for Legislative Aide, Kyle Abercrombie who is co-chair State appropriations committee and Representative Brian Becker, State Representative of Avon who is also on commerce committee because she works closely with them.
 - v. Ken added that State reps look at books only, not services libraries provide community. Carl agreed and added that legislators are taking libraries for granted as services move online and so not important in the community. Please email testimony and Carl will send it out again, or go on line.
 - vi. CSL got the largest budget cut of any state agency

- d. College & University- Martha Kruy
 - i. NEASC is cutting out Standard 7. This means that library has not power across the regions. She contacted New England ACRL about their issues with idea for CLA to have a liaison with NEASC (subdivision of NEARCL). Dawn LaValle will bring a statement for April's meeting.
- e. Conference 2015- Lisa Karim/Julie Styles
 - i. They have 109 registered and 40 exhibitors so far.
 - ii. Pushing for sponsorship or and space for cheap ads.
 - iii. Received excellent Expense forms and W-9s from committee chairs.
- f. Customer Service-Ellen Cartledge
 - i. They have a total of 3 programs for the annual conference.
- g. Editorial – Jenn Datum
 - i. Newsletter goes out next month. They need candidate statements. Deadline is April 1st.
- h. Legislative: Carl Antonucci
 - i. Good working coalition going with Glenn Grube, Mary Etter and Libby Post.
- i. NELA - Beth Crowley
 - i. The NELLs Leadership conference in the first week of August is processing applications. There are 26 participants for midcareer but accepting 3 or 4. Please offer your suggestions for mentors.
 - ii. Mary Etter and Karen Jensen are co-chairs of NELLs.
- j. Reference and Adult Services - Alison Wilkos
 - i. Presenters cancelled for annual conference.
 - ii. Meeting next week to plan for fall conference.
- k. Region 2 - Marjorie Ruschau
 - i. East Granby, Glastonbury and South Windsor libraries hosting Words To Give By where people can record their own stories of acts of kindness, both as givers and recipients. Some will be broadcast on WNPR.
 - ii. Prosser, Bloomfield – hosting 4-part discussion series on Reconstruction, beginning March 31, 6:30 p.m.
 - iii. Bristol – new Sunday hours, 1-5, hosting program on female spies during the Civil War, March 14, 2 p.m.
 - iv. Burlington – teens are working on Peeps dioramas on Saturdays in March
 - v. Enfield – will teach the tango and the merengue to adults and kids, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
 - vi. Farmington – Maker Fair 2015, March 29, 1-4 p.m.
 - vii. Hartford – hosted panel discussion Charlie Hebdo and the Four Freedoms, March 4, Partnered with Hartford Adult Education Center to offer GED math classes, Holding a film discussion in Spanish, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
 - viii. New Britain – teamed up with CT Women's Hall of Fame for program on CT's remarkable women, Hosting talk on women at work in WWII, March 18, 6:30 p.m.
 - ix. Lucy Robbins Welles, Newington – hosting program on making old books into keepsake boxes, March 14, 10 a.m.
 - x. Plainville – hosting 4-part workshop for aspiring writers February-May
 - xi. Cora J. Belden, Rocky Hill – will take part in the international Big Library read with the digital book "Shakespeare Save My Life: Ten Years in Solitary with the Bard" by Laura Bates. March 17-31. The library has some devices preloaded for checkout.

- xii. Simsbury – hosting “Sound of Music” sing-along, an encouraging people to come in costume, Sunday, March 8, 1:30
 - xiii. Southington – Armenians in CT oral history project; March 5, 6:30 p.m. Meet Armenia, with curator of the Armenian Museum, March 10, 6:30 p.m., Hosted dance lessons for teens in February, Offering free 10-minute chair massages given by advanced massage therapy students, Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., The talk by Chris Bohjalian, the 2015 Southington Reads author, on March 25, has sold out with 400 people registered.
 - xiv. West Hartford -- hosting actress Elena Dodd portraying Eleanor Roosevelt, March 18, 6:30 p.m., running a Spanish film that will be followed by a discussion of it in Spanish
 - xv. Wethersfield – hosting a teen job skills workshop, March 5, 3:30 p.m.
1. Region 5 Rep Report – Christy Billings
- i. Milford Public Library- Our big news this month is the formation of a new community reads program, One City One Story. Info here: (<http://www.ci.milford.ct.us/milford-public-library/pages/one-city-one-story> AND <https://www.facebook.com/onecityonestory>) While most of our planned programs will take place in April-May, we are having an official launch party here at the library on March 28th. We plan to have family fun activities such as a photo booth (tying in with the idea of how others see us), a kindness journal activity and the start of blanketing our City with blue hearts on which participants have written random acts of kindness that they have witnessed. We have partnered with numerous city agencies and businesses and are hoping for a good response from the community. Our Friends of the Library group is completely new and revamped. Among the exciting new projects they have undertaken is the establishment of “Little Free Libraries” throughout the City. The first is located at the Milford Train station and has been very well received by commuters. We have also started a campaign to expand our social media. We have changed the name of our facebook page to Milford Public Library, rather than Friends of MPL, and have added instagram, pinterest and twitter accounts.
 - ii. Wallingford Public Library. Annual Tom Callinan Show Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room Celebrate the Irish with our favorite troubadour! Tom has been entertaining Wallingford crowds for many years with his songs, stories and corny jokes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited. 50 Shades of Green(s) Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room The nutrition field has always had shades of truth and shades of misinformation. Consumers are led to believe they must have the perfect greens, the perfect fruit, the perfect shake or the perfect weight-loss diet. As a result, consumers are the frequent victims of misinformation wasting both time and money looking for the perfect food or diet answer. This presentation will explore the realities of claims made for the best salad greens, current weight-loss diets, and clarify what does and what does not raise cholesterol levels. Please register [online](#) or by phone at (203)265-6754.
 - iii. Russell Library Introduction to Reiki Sunday March 8, 2015 Hillary Gauvreau will teach this free introductory class from 1:30-3:30pm on Sunday, March 8 in the Hubbard Room at Russell Library. Reiki is a simple, natural, safe, and effective technique that reduces stress and promotes healing. Hillary Gauvreau is a Brennan Healing Science practitioner, Reiki Master, writer, and teacher. No registration required. Empowerment Workshop for Women Monday March 23, 2015 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Empowerment

Workshop for Women - with Dr. Annie Wilder (a One Book program)Dr. Annie Wilder of Uncommon Counseling LLC will lead this workshop on Monday, March 23 at 7:00pm in the Hubbard Room at Russell Library, 123 Broad Street, Middletown. This program aims to empower women by offering examples of tools, education and insight that can be used in many difficult circumstances. Dr. Wilder will speak on her experiences in empowering women from all walks of life. This presentation is one of a series of community events based on the One Book One Middletown 2015 book: *Stranger in a Strange Land*. An Introduction to the Universe Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm-9PM Join Award-winning Astronomer and Author, Bob Crelin at The Russell Library on Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm in the Hubbard Room for *An Introduction to the Universe*. An Introduction to the Universe is designed for nearly all ages, to explore the magic of our night sky. *An Introduction to the Universe* is a visual adventure, which explores the constellations, ancient sky mythology, and will feature the planet Mars in the interstellar spirit of the One Book One Middletown 2015 book: *Stranger in a Strange Land*.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

The next regular meeting of the CLA Board will be April 2, 2015. Refreshments will be provided by Sheri Szymanski

Attendance: Marge Ruschau, Kymberlee Powe, Ken Wiggin, Dawn La Valle, Jenna Mayotte, Ellen G. Cartledge, Nicole Greco, Gerald Seagrave, Christy Billings, Martha Kruey, Carl Antonucci, Lisa Karim, Julie Styles, Michele Martin, Bernadette Niedermeier, Allison Wilkos, Mary Etter, Jennifer Datum,

Minutes submitted by Michele Martin, CLA Recording Secretary.