

Minutes from the Connecticut Library Association Executive Board Meeting
November 6, 2014
Middletown Library Service Center

1. Beth Crowley called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. Board Introductions.
3. Minutes from the October 2, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.
4. Old Business
 - a) President's Report – Beth Crowley
 - i. Dawn LaValle is attending the NYLA conference.
 - ii. ALA has awarded the Neal Schuman Grant to the Public Library of New London. Dawn attended the first workshop to help with the request for the library's budget increase. There is help from ALA.
 - b) Treasurer's Report – Nicole Greco
 - i. Still in arrears from September but October conference programs generated money.
 - ii. Motion to accept treasurer's report was approved.
5. New Business
 - a) Conference Registration Fees – Julie Styles
 - i. A survey was sent out to members to see if a financial discount for two-day attendance would be an incentive for attending both days of the annual conference. Of the 236 respondents, 103 said that they would attend both days at a discounted rate. A motion to offer the discounted two-day rate was approved and accepted.
 - ii. A motion to accept a proposal to open member rates to local state library associations of Rhode Island, New York and Massachusetts was approved and accepted.
 - iii. Co-chairs have received 39 program submissions to date.
 - iv. The deadline for program submissions has been extended.
 - b) CLA Collection & Membership Dues – Beth Crowley
 - i. Action item #3 Membership – Payment policy & collection process: Motion to set the terms of payment due within 45 days invoice was approved following discussion.
 - ii. Action item #2 –An informal policy poll for the issue of event coordinators and committee members paying for events they host and attend. No official action taken.
6. Committee/Section/Rountable/Regional Representatives Reports
 - a) ACLB – Betsy McIlvaine
 - i. Fall Leadership Conference at the University of Hartford was a positive event. Keynote speaker John Traska from Every Library, a workshop Every Budget is a referendum and Alice Knapp using Harwood Institute for community engagement were the programs.
 - b) ADA – Ed Morrissey
 - i. Updated the ADA resources page with new links.
 - ii. Rescheduled speaker for sometime in March.
 - c) Career Development – Michael Spellmon
 - i. Discussed whether to continue to offer LTA scholarships. They have received one application in three years. Scholarships are limited to Three Rivers because

it is the only ALA accredited program. Considering moving the \$750 scholarship money to something more beneficial. Changing the application process. Online forms getting revised to make applying easier and extend deadline by a couple of weeks. Limiting to existing MLS .Money go toward encouraging more support staff to attend CLA and CLASS conferences. Any other suggestions let Mike know.

- d) CLC – Beth Crowley
 - i. Adult programming showcase is scheduled November 19th from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm.
 - ii. B & T distributor’s presentation at Wallingford Library on Friday Dec 5th 9:30-12:00pm.
 - iii. Bills went out for the year
- e) CSL – Ken Wiggin
 - i. Brian Sear didn’t get reelected.
 - ii. The Bond Committee meeting is December 12th for eBook and library construction projects.
 - iii. Every other week at SCSU, three committees meet with the intention for SCSU to apply for accreditation. There is a lot of work to get that done. It will be a couple of years before accreditation. They are writing a whole new curriculum. School media cohorts will not get MLS degrees.
 - iv. State Library piloting WW1 Project. Bring in memorabilia if you have any for the exhibit. Talking about digitizing for the website.
 - v. Applied for IMLS grant. Did not get Knight Foundation grant.
- f) Children’s – Kymberlee Powe /Bernadette Niedermeier
 - i. Children’s conference made money. Sixty people attended.
 - ii. They have 4-5 speakers and 11 publishers for Book Buzz for the annual conference
- g) CULS – Martha Kruey
 - i. Fall event next Friday at Central Connecticut State Library offering two programs *How to create an elevator pitch so you can pitch a program* and another on Web Content Strategy.
 - ii. For the 2015 Information Literacy conference they are working on a boot camp for instructional best practices.
- h) Customer Services – Brandie Doyle
 - i. Rolling out a new model of the Delivering Customer Service presentation offered to individual libraries by request. Fees are based on what libraries can afford. They have done four visits and have earned \$300.00 for CLA.
 - ii. Planning for annual conference.
- i) Editorial – Jennifer Datum
 - i. Tiny book reviews are due for the next newsletter.
 - ii. Always looking for fresh content for the website.
 - iii. Working with membership to create two membership forms, one for individual and one for institutions
- j) Friends – Frank Ridley
 - i. Friends annual meeting is November 15th. Please tell local Friends groups to attend. Dawn LaValle will be speaking on attracting new technology and there will be a program on used book sales and how to make them better.
- k) Membership – Cindy Schofield

- i. Committee will be proposing an updated brochure and “new member” give-away items.
- l) NELA – Beth Crowley
 - i. NELA conference had lower attendance than last year.
 - ii. Lucas Franklin of Connecticut is a new NELA board member.
 - iii. Meeting with exhibitors to find better ways to work better with Connecticut.
 - iv. Now that Rhode Island has joined NELA working to bring the conference to Connecticut and will have it on the border.
- m) PEG – Peter Ciparelli
 - i. Have money to spend.
- n) Public Library – Sally Tornow
 - i. Completed Passport program and results were better than their wildest dream. Nine adults and five children went to every library in the state. Winner of the drawing will be announced soon. One participant said “every single library has really nice librarians”. At the October meeting decided to offer the Passport program every other year. The next one will be April 2016 during National Library week.
- o) Reference and Adult Services – Allison Wilkos
 - i. Forty people attended the 3D printing program.
- p) YA – Lorna Rhyins
 - i. There are thirty-five registrants for their next Meetup, November 7th.
- q) Region 2 – Marjorie Ruschau
 - i. Avon – series of programs on civil rights including a national traveling exhibit, film series with 10 films over 1 1/2 months and a discussion by CCSU professor (Nov. 15), and actor portrayals of Lincoln and Grant
 - ii. Berlin – hosted representatives from two power companies on how to cut your energy bills-- Now lending 3 e-readers loaded with popular books
 - iii. Bloomfield – put link on website to state’s Ebola info
 - iv. Canton – looking for new director
 - v. East Hartford – now closing at 8 instead of 9 m-th.
 - vi. East Windsor – has new sign, thanks to Friends of the Library --holding series of films and talks on WWI
 - vii. Farmington – hosting a speaker on Kristallnacht and life in a concentration camp by woman who lived through it (Margot Jeremias, Nov. 10)
 - viii. Welles-Turner, Glastonbury – added a foreign language database called Transparent Language--their 3D printer will be available to the public soon-- added Fast Pencil database on self-publishing
 - ix. Granby -- has added Sunday hours through March-- Cossitt branch has added the New England Genealogical Society database
 - x. Hartford -- Got 3 grants totaling \$50,000 from the CT Dept. of Education, New Alliance Foundation and Wells Fargo for English classes, a new digital media learning center for teens and storytimes for immigrant and refugee children. A month ago they got a \$37,000 leadership grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Sciences and a \$249,000 grant from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to expand citizenship instructions.
 - xi. Kent -- hosting Henry Kissinger for signing of his new book "World Order" (Nov. 22, 2:30-4, free)

- xii. New Britain – hosting author with her book “Legendary Locals from New Britain” (Nov. 8)
 - xiii. Lucy Robbins Welles, Newington – adding Sunday hours Nov. 16
 - xiv. Cora J. Belden, Rocky Hill – holding a public reception for new town manager (Nov. 6)
 - xv. Simsbury – added Biblioboard database, which offers primary source documents such as maps and diaries
 - xvi. Southington – has a link to scanned letters from a local man who served in the Civil War
 - xvii. Kent, Suffield – reception Nov. 8 for reopening
 - xviii. Wethersfield – holding a teen craft night in honor of the new "Mockingjay" movie
 - xix. Windsor -- as part of their "Mockingjay" activities holding a "Hunger Games" movie marathon and trivia contest and giving away tickets to new movie-- getting a 3D printer grant of \$11,250 awarded by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for the creation of a Music MakerSpace. It will house sheet music, music related books, recording equipment, and a keyboard, stringed instruments and rhythmic instruments. Music instruction will be provided through digital tutorials and volunteers.
- r) Region 3 – Janice Wilson
- i. Canterbury PL – Planning a program Eating Healthy for the Holidays
 - ii. Somers PL – Read to the Dogs, kids read aloud to R.E.A.D. dogs from Allan’s Angels
 - iii. Stafford PL – New program, Mother-to-Mother, moms and moms-to-be come and enjoy each other’s company and share helpful information
 - iv. Sterling PL – Maintain a clothing bank of donated clothing items, free to all
 - v. Willimantic PL – For November teaming with Guilford Smith Library to do a food drive for Covenant Soup kitchen.
 - vi. Willington PL – Programs offered, Health & Wellness fair, Pet Portraits, Frozen’s Elsa visited, Jack the llama.
 - vii. Booth & Dimock PL – Makerspace events: Maker Camp (grades 2-9), Tech Dissection (grades 6-12), Speaker Build (grades 6-12). Also arm knitting, and performance and workshop for teens with Sea Tea Improv which was presented in collaboration with CT Humanities as part of CT at work.
- s) Region 4 – Sheri Szymanski
- i. The Fred Hersch Trio will perform in the Greenwich Library Cole Auditorium on Nov. 16th. Proclaimed by Vanity Fair magazine as, “the most arrestingly innovative pianist in jazz over the last decade or so,” six-time Grammy nominee Fred Hersch balances his internationally recognized instrumental skills with significant achievements as a composer, bandleader, theatrical conceptualist and collaborator.”
 - ii. Heather-Marie Montilla is the new Director of the Pequot Library in Fairfield. She is the former executive director of Doing Art Together Inc., a visual arts education nonprofit organization in New York City. She also was director of development for the Neuberger Museum of Art at Purchase College and was a development officer at Columbia University.
 - iii. Danbury Library is commemorating the 100th anniversary of World War I with a series of film and lecture events in November and December.

- iv. On November 14th the Ridgefield Library is hosting “How to Secure Funding from Foundations” with Judith Margolin.
- v. Stratford Library in collaboration with the local Haitian community is now hosting a monthly French language speaking and cultural group.
- vi. Wilton Library will host its annual holiday book sale beginning December 1st in the Library gallery.
- vii. The Harry Bennett Branch of the Ferguson Library is participating in Tellabration, an annual international celebration of storytelling on November 15th, featuring storytellers Glenn Harper, Ann Shapiro & Laconia Therrio.
- viii. Bridgeport Library is offering a food for fines November 15-21st. Each non perishable, non expired food item will be worth up to \$2 toward fines (10 item limit). Visit bportlibrary.org for full details.

t) Region 5 – Christy Billings

- i. Shelton: Marcia J. Austin is the new Branch Director at Huntington Branch Library in Shelton. She took the job in June. She had been the Branch Children's Librarian for over 15 years.
- ii. Branford-Blackstone Library: In the past couple of months, we've hosted Mental Health First Aid Training for staff, our Friends September book sale earned over \$55,000 in gross sales, our Hogwarts Fundraiser in October raised over \$14,000 after expenses, and we adopted a new policy making our entire campus (building and grounds) smoke-free as of November 1.
- iii. Cromwell Belden Library: Patrons can make a donation to the Middlesex County Blue Star Mothers in lieu of overdue fines to send Holiday Packages to our troops November 1st through November 8th.
Monday Nov 24 7:00 P.M. “Josiah Belden: A Native Son’s Life of Adventure and Accomplishment.” Barbara Grotheer will present the story of Josiah Belden, for whom the Library is named. Born in Cromwell, he was a Western pioneer, a member of the first wagon train of families headed for California. He did well in his journey and in 1888, he provided funds to help start the newly-formed Cromwell Library. This event will be the November meeting of the Cromwell Historical Society.
- iv. Portland Public Library Food for Fines November 17, 2014 through December 31, 2014 Patrons may pay overdue library fines with non-perishable food items that will be given to the Portland Food Bank. Donations may be brought to the circulation desk so that your fines may be cancelled. We ask that your donations reflect the spirit of the season. Food may not be used to pay for missing/lost items.
- v. Middlefield Levi Coe Library: Currently conducting a search for a new Director. On Friday, November 28th, the Levi E. Coe Library will take part in Middlefield's Second Annual First Night. There will be a activities for the kids prior to the town tree lighting.
- vi. Wallingford Library: Judy Sgammato, head of Circulation at the Wallingford Library is leaving in November for a Circulation job closer to home at the (Perrot Library) in Greenwich. [Janet Flewelling](#), has been promoted to Head of Emerging Technologies at Wallingford and Head of Branch Operations at the Yalesville Library.
- vii. Russell Library: Assistant Director Vince Juliano will be retiring on Jan 2, 2015. Head of Maintenance and Security, Danny Richmond will be retiring Dec 1st.

Thursday November 6th, @7PM, the Russell Library Veteran's Writing Group, will sponsor author Janet Barrett speaking on her book, *They Called Her Reckless* for a special Veterans Day event. Holiday Book Sale Part 2014 Part I on Friday Nov 7th-Sunday, November 9th. Using Improve Comedy Techniques for Better Job Interview on Wednesday Nov19th 6:00-8:00 pm in the Hubbard Room. Melanie Szlucha will review key techniques to use when you are asked unexpected questions during a job interview. Learn how to really listen to what other people are saying and trust your instincts before responding to "brain teaser" questions.

7. Adjournment

Attendance: Michele Martin, Allison Wilkos, Peter Ciparelli, Gerald Seagrave, Marge Ruschau, Sally Tornow, Sheri Szymanski, Christy Billings, Brandie Doyle, Martha Kruey, Janice Wilson, Jennifer Datum, To Piezzo, Beth Crowley Karen Jensen, Ken Wiggan, Julie Styles, Lorna Rhyins, Cathleen Cole, Nicole Greco, Lisa Mann, Kymberlee Powe, Bernadette Niedermeier, Ed Morrissey, Tara Borden

Respectfully submitted by Michele Martin, Recording Secretary