

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting
Thursday, November 5th 2015
Middletown Library Service Center

1. Beth Crowley called the meeting to order at 10:01am.
2. Board Introductions.
3. Shannon Wegele from the Secretary of State's Office came to discuss how we could become more intentional partners with respect to voter registration - especially online voter registration, due to the upcoming Presidential election. She discussed establishing an awards program for libraries who are very active in encouraging civic engagement. There was also discussion regarding libraries that are polling places, offering printed voter registration forms and adding an online component; potentially embedding the form on our websites. There was also discussion regarding what types of workshops would be helpful for librarians to build a skill set they can use to educate the public in advance of elections and what type of training and communication could make our partnership more effective.
4. Bobby Shea let everyone know that Representative Andrew Fleischman will be attending the ACLB event tomorrow.
5. Lee Goodall from Access HealthCT let us know that they are currently in an open enrollment period through January 31st, 2016. Access Health would like to provide more information for libraries to disseminate to their patrons. Brochures were handed out that were redesigned for this year. For answers to any reference questions that come up, visit: learn.accesshealthct.com/FAQs. Penalties for a lack of health insurance are being raised to approximately \$600, so public education is very important. Posters with more info were given out. To get one for your library or to ask any other questions contact: lee@grossmanheinz.com. Electronic materials will be made available later this month and will be sent out by Beth Crowley.
6. The minutes from the October 1st meeting were approved, with changes. Motion to approve was made by Carl Antonucci, seconded by Gail Hurley and passed unanimously.
7. Old Business
 - a. Treasurer's Report – Nicole Greco
 - i. Jennifer and Lisa reminded us that event coordinators should not enter payments into StarChapter. Please forward payment to the CLC office and let them handle it. Contact Lisa with any questions, and let her know about any info you receive regarding outstanding payments.
 - ii. Beth reminded everyone to send a note with a thorough explanation if you are sending in payment on behalf of someone else – what the payment is for, when it was received, etc.
 - iii. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Karen Jensen, seconded by Richard Conroy and passed unanimously.
8. New Business
 - a. 2016 Conference Attendee and Exhibitor Registration Rates for board approval - Katy Dillman & Thomas Piezzo
 - i. Rates have been revised to include a 30% difference between member and non-member rates. Note that the early reciprocal rate is \$115, there is a typo in what the board received. Exhibitor rates have been updated. Proposal is for rates to be dependent on the space exhibitors receive, instead of the size of the organization. Rates for non-profits have not been raised. The new fee structure would allow for a \$6,000 increase of intake, given the same number of exhibitors as last year. Additionally, high visibility booths will pay a premium rate.

- ii. Beth reminded everyone that she is contacting non-traditional vendors to consider becoming exhibitors.
 - iii. A motion to approve the attendee rates was made by Peter Ciparelli, seconded by Brandie Doyle and passed unanimously. A motion to approve the new exhibitor rates was made by Carl Antonucci, seconded by Colleen Bailie and passed unanimously.
- 9. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports
- 10. ACLB: Betsy McIlvaine
 - a. The ACLB fall program is tomorrow. Beth will be attending the event at the University of Hartford.
- 11. ADA: Ed Morrissey has stepped down. Maria Bernier was appointed and will attend next month's board meeting.
- 12. Career Development: Richard Conroy
 - a. At their most recent meeting they began work on updating the minimum recommended salary rates. A survey will be sent out through the CT listservs. Please help them disseminate this survey to all libraries. New recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting. Four proposals are in the works for the CLA annual conference. A revival of the mentor/intern program is still being discussed. The task force for SCSU's accreditation is also discussing internships. Please contact Richard with ideas. Sarah White will be handling the scholarship program this year in late winter/early spring. The next meeting will be held on December 7th.
- 13. CLC: Jennifer Keohane
 - a. Jennifer sent in a report noting a strong response to their current job listings. CLC dues invoices have gone out. Overall, CT libraries saved over 7.2 million dollars through CLC discounts last year. A reminder – please update your mailing info to keep receiving news about new discounts. Lynda discounts are ending soon and may not be available again. Contact CLC for TYCLD bookmarks and other related items.
- 14. CSL: Ken Wiggin
 - a. The interviews for a new Executive Director to head the Commission on Educational Technology are going well. There's also been a great response from academic libraries regarding carrying on the cost for electronic databases. The State library board will be meeting on the 23rd and will be reviewing standards. Community conversations will be suggested, with recommendations being made in the spring. Construction grants will be awarded soon. Kris Avery was recommended for the role of Co-ordinator for state and federal documents. SCSU has submitted their pre-candidacy application to ALA for re-accreditation. Ken is also working to restore budget allocations for LSTA programs. All state library facilities will be closed on Monday, but deliveries will still go out.
- 15. Children's: Kimberlee Powe & Sunnie Scarpa
 - a. Their fall meeting was fantastic and they received great feedback about all of the presenters. Several proposals have been sent in for the CLA annual conference. The book buzz proposal will be sent in asap.
- 16. College & University: Kristina Edwards
 - a. Fall workshop information is now available. They've also started planning for their annual InfoLit conference.
- 17. CLASS: Lorrie Goings
 - a. The CLASS conference was last week and was very well attended. Thanks to Ken Wiggin and Steve Cauffman for speaking and helping make the conference a success. Certificates of attendance are available upon completion of a short survey.

18. Conference 2016: Katy Dillman & Thomas Piezzo
 - a. Please remember to submit conference proposals by tomorrow. Thanks for submissions that have already been sent in.
19. Customer Service: Ellen Cartledge & Lisa Karim
 - a. Their fall workshop was held on October 8th. They had sixty four registrants and a great response to their speaker.
20. Editorial: Jenn Datum
 - a. Jenn asked everyone to submit the name of their most memorable read of 2015 for the next newsletter. Thanks to Danielle and Katy for help with social media.
21. FOCL: Frank Ridley
 - a. Frank gave a final reminder that their fall conference will be held on November 14th. Registration forms are currently available.
22. Intellectual Freedom: Kara Gilbert
 - a. Banned books week was last month and Kara participated in a great panel discussion at ECSU. She is looking for committee members, so please send her names of anyone interested.
23. Legislative: Carl Antonucci
 - a. Meeting today after the board meeting.
24. Membership: Cindy Schofield
 - a. Cindy handed out info about different member categories. Letters were recently sent to lapsed CLA members, and there were a few positive responses. Individual memberships are down over past years, while institutional and student memberships are up. An interesting question she received recently allowed her to clarify that friends groups are not included in institutional membership, but a "friends" membership is not expensive and is a great way for friends groups to support libraries. New members will receive a gift at the annual conference this year. Membership invitations will go out to all CT librarians who are not current members later this year. Beth let everyone know that joint memberships between NELA and CLA may be available in the future. The ALA student chapter is meeting tonight at SCSU and Cindy will be giving a presentation.
25. NELA: Gail
 - a. Gail took over as NELA representative last week. The NELA conference will be in October again next year. Sections will be offering programs throughout the fall.
 - b. There was a special presentation of the NELA Games snail trophy to Ken Wiggin to grace his office until next year's NELA conference!
26. PEG: Peter Ciparelli
 - a. Please pass PEG opportunities on to staff, they want to give your staff money!
27. Publicity: Kirk Morrison & Julie Ann Menders
 - a. We are sending in our proposal for the CLA Publicity Awards for the CLA Conference. If approved, we will begin requesting entries for the Awards starting in December. We will be hosting a Media Matters conference in March 2016 and are in the process of arranging speakers for this even from different media outlets - newspaper, television, and online. This will be our third year. It will take place on March 11, with a snow date of March 18.
28. Public Library: Sally Tornow
 - a. We held our fall program at the very welcoming Bristol Public Library on October 14th. The panel discussion of *Creative Space: From Duct Tape to 3D Printers* was well attended and well received. Best of all, many of the attendees had wonderful ideas to share,

especially about the duct tape programs! We are working on our submissions for the Conference programs, three have been submitted and we are considering a fourth one.

29. Reference & Adult Services: Allison Wilkos
 - a. Allison reported that the recent tour of Hartford libraries was very successful.
30. Technical Services: Laurie Haggan
 - a. Their fall conference is next Thursday. Reminders will be going out later today. Proposals for the conference are being sent out tomorrow.
31. Young Adult: Bernadette Niedermeier & Lorna Rhyins
 - a. Their meetup is next Friday and there are fifty-two people signed up. They received a mini-sponsorship for this program. They are sending in lots of conference proposals.
32. Region 1: Sue Dowdell
 - a. Book Friends of **The Licia & Mason Beekley Community Library** in **New Hartford** will present a jazz holiday concert with The Eric Mintel Quartet on Saturday, December 4, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Pine Meadow. The Quartet has thrilled jazz audiences from the White House to the Kennedy Center and has recorded five acclaimed CDs. Tickets are \$15 in advance (available at the Library) and \$20 at the door. **Kent Memorial Library** is hosting journalist and bestselling author of THE GRATITUDE DIARIES on Saturday, November 14 at 3:00 p.m. In this inspiring memoir, backed by pioneering research, Janice Kaplan spends a year living gratefully and gains a fresh outlook that transforms her marriage, family life, work, health, and every day experience. Each month, **Litchfield's Oliver Wolcott Library** features at least one author as part of our ongoing author series. Most authors follow a conversational format where Joseph Montebello, OWL Trustee, or Ann Marie White, Library Director, ask questions of the author. Listen to these engaging author events! The talks are podcasted for those who missed the talk and did not want miss what the author had to say. Their next one is Thursday, November 12th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. When author Todd McLeish will discuss Narwhals: Arctic Whales in a Melting World. Also, OWL's director (Ann Marie White) emailed to say she wishes CLA would go back to printing the newsletter instead of having it available in a digital format. **Middlebury Public Library** hosts a Culinary Bites Cookbook Club. Their next meeting is Thursday, November 19th at 7PM with the theme of Thanksgiving side dishes. **New Milford's** Library Modernization Committee has been formed and is meeting regularly. **Norfolk Library** is hosting experienced mountain climber Peter Rogers on November 7th. He will recount his adventures climbing five of the seven highest peaks in the world, including Mount Everest. Rogers was at Camp One when the earthquake hit in Nepal. **North Canaan's Douglas Library** is hosting The Bear Reality on Friday, November 6 @7PM
Felicia Ortner, CT Master Wildlife Conservationist, will return to the library to speak on facts and myths about bears in our area. Beacon Falls and Naugatuck's Howard Whilttemore Library both hosted similar programs lately. On Tuesday, voters in the Town of **Oxford** approved spending up to 3.5 million dollars to build a new 10,000 sq foot library. Expected completion is in 2017. **Prospect Public Library** is hosting a series of four Native American Heritage programs for children and adults throughout November including a storyteller, Pequot Museum educator, and making Corn-husk dolls and Dream Catchers. The series was funded through a grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation. **Roxbury's Minor Memorial Library** is hosting the Actor's Lab Reparatory Theatre's play reading of Dinner with Friends on Saturday, November 14th at 2PM. **Salisbury's Scoville Library's** renovations began at the end of September. Pictures on their website show parts were gutted to the studs. Heating system was revamped

and is currently working. They are reconfiguring space to make a larger children's area and a new handicapped accessible bathroom. As of last week, their director Claudia Cayne reported that new windows and doors were getting ready to be installed.

Sharon's Hotchkiss Library is currently running a series of knitting classes with adults and will be doing the same in December. Best-selling knitting book author, Bruce Weinstein, is teaching a small group of 8 how to cast on, to knit, to bind off, and if time allows, we'll even learn to purl. Spots for the current adult series did fill to capacity. Howard Schatz, critically acclaimed, award winning photographer was the featured guest at the **Sherman Library** Annual Meeting on Friday October 2.

33. Region 2: Marjorie Ruschau

- a. 5-town Hunger Games trivia contest with teams from libraries in Avon, Canton, Farmington, Simsbury and West Hartford competing Nov. 19 at Farmington Library. Rocky Hill and Windsor both celebrating Hindu festival of Diwali, which is festival of the lights this month. **Avon** – special farmers market for the holiday. Nov. 16, 4-7 p.m. **Berlin** -- their Friends group is offering free books at the local train station. **Bristol** -- several libraries celebrating Veteran's Day with the Bristol library hosting a reception for vets and asking them to sign the city's roll of honor. **Burlington** – held program on estate planning with 2 attorneys. **Canton** – for grades 4 and up program on how to film stop-motion animation movies, 3 times in Nov -- Open mic poetry night for adults, Nov. 12, 7-9 p.m. -- Celebratory launch of town's poet laureate, Joan Hofmann, Nov. 22, 1-3 p.m. with readings by poet laureates of **West Hartford, East Hampton, Manchester, South Windsor, Glastonbury, Guilford and Washington**. **Farmington** – workshop for starting a small or home-based business, Nov. 11, 7 p.m. **Glastonbury** – hosted a say or sing your favorite poems and lyrics, Nov. 3. Added database ArtistWorks for Libraries, with instrument, voice and art instruction thru videos by award-winning professionals. **Hartford** -- Judy Dworin Performance Project's Women on Our Own performers will present excerpts from *In My Shoes*, a spoken word and song performance that brings the voices and experiences of women from prison to the stage in conjunction with Hartford Public Library's **One Book One Hartford** selection this year, James Baldwin's "If Beale Street Could Talk". Nov 12, 5:30 p.m. --**Sister Souljah, Author of A Moment of Silence, Talk and Book Signing**, Nov. 14, 1 p.m. **New Britain and Southington** – hosting AARP programs on evaluating homes, cars, communities to determine whether changes are necessary to remain independent seniors, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. **Lucy Robins Welles, Newington** – got a Samsung Galaxy tablet that patrons can check out and held a class demonstrating how it can be used. **Cora J. Belden, Rocky Hill** -- Will be showing kids how to make a minion before showing "Despicable Me2," Nov. 25. **Simsbury** – Nerdfest/Fandom social for teens, Nov. 6, 3 p.m. **Southington** --Hosting a craft fair but crafts must be made by children and sold for less than \$5, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-noon. **Kent Memorial, Suffield** -- storytime with sign language, Tuesdays in Nov. **West Hartford** – Downton Abbey fashion and social change, Nov 1 -- Now open Sunday afternoons -- unveiling one town/one book at B&N, with a lot of activities. **Wethersfield** – coping with grief and loss during the holidays Nov. 3. **Windsor** -- cartooning for kids, Nov. 4.

34. Region 3: Janice Wilson

- a. **Andover PL** – 11/9 at 6:30 an evening of folk dancing **Babcock PL** – 11/13 at 7:00 folksingers & song writers Andy & Judy **Canterbury** – 11/9 Take the Mystery out of Medicare, **Chaplin PL** - Farm to Table Eating, learn how to prepare local, seasonal produce to please all palates. Cooking demonstration and samples - Fall session 10/17, Winter session 1/30, spring session 5/14. **Saxton B. Little Library** - Are in the Mini B and

have established a blog to keep people up to date on renovations. 11/9 – design your own bookmarks. 11/17 – cookies and coloring for grownups **Booth & Dimock Library** – 11/19 – fancy glass painting, leave with a set of two glasses. 11/19 at 7:00 presenting conceptual design for an expanded library facility. 11/14 joint venture between library and senior ctr (at senior ctr) Local Author Faire & panel discussion on how to get published. **Douglas Library** – 11/12 – cake decorating demonstration. 11/19, chess, checkers, backgammon night. 11/9 tech night for kids to build BristleBots and Little Bits. 11/7 program on CT’s mysterious stone walls. **Killingly** - Laura Zipkin is retiring as Assistant Director of the Killingly Public Library after 39 years of service. Her last day is December 18. **Mansfield** – 11/5, an evening with authors Heather Webb & Cindy Wolfe Boyton, 11/14, Book launch – Growing a New Tail (short stories by Lisa C. Taylor), 11/20 – Tellabration with storyteller Liz Gruber. **Scotland** – 11/28, Card Stamping Class **Somers** – 11/7, read to the dogs with Allan’s Angels, 11/18 – Understanding Your Best Friend presented by Phil Klein, Certified Dog Listener, 11/18 – Scrabble Night, 11/21 – Let’s Get Fancy with Glitsy Girls Mobile Salon. Will also have a holiday table top decoration contest. **Stafford** – Meditation on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month. Learn a method of relaxation that will promote inner peace. **Thompson** -Through the generous support of a donor and our Friends group, we will be adding a 3D printer to our services...we are calling this new endeavor The Laboratory @ the Library! **Tolland** – 11/7 – Reading therapy dog, 11/12 – Talk on social media for small businesses, 11/17 – Long term care program. **Willimantic** – Storyline – a special project engaging Windham students with the arts through storytelling and drawing. It is partnership inspired by local children’s author/illustrator Barbara McClintock, between Windham Public Schools, the Kerri Art Gallery and Willimantic public library.

35. Region 4: Kymberlee Powe

- a. South Norwalk had a Vote for Book program on Election Day at their library where children voted for their favorite books. They are also having a writing coach come in from November 7-9 to assist with writing assignments for kids in Middle School and High School. Bridgeport is having an adult coloring workshop today and November 19 from 12-1:30 Easton is attempting to start a robotics program collaborating with the high school robotics team and using Lego Mindstorm Kits. Throughout the month of November Danbury is holding workshops for small businesses. (look to handout)The C.H. Booth Library in Newtown is holding their 6th annual Turkey trot 5k run on Thanksgiving Day at 7:45 am.

36. Region 5: Christy Billings

- a. **Edward Smith Library:** *Mini Book Sale Saturday, Nov. 7th 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.* Hundreds of gently used books for sale from the following select categories: Cooking, Holidays, Fiction, Crafts and Hobbies, Childrens, Military and Coffee Table *Author Visit and Fairy Tea Party "Nature's Royal Tea Party"*. When: Sun, November 8, 2:00pm – 3:00pm Join us for a magical mid-afternoon tea party in the Children's Room, as local author Cheryl Kling reads her picture book "Nature's Royal Tea Party". Participants are encouraged to come dressed up with fairy wings or in royal attire. The participants are encouraged to come dressed up with fairy wings or in royal attire. A book sale and signing will take place after the reading. Books will be available. **Atwater Memorial Library Cookbook Club:** Saturdays @ 3:30 p.m. Nov. 14 - *The Vegetarian Feast* by Martha Rose Shulman. Our Cookbook Club is looking for members for our fall session. Each month we will highlight a certain cookbook title which will be on display at the library. Everyone will pick and cook a recipe from that book to bring to the next meeting. We will sample the

dishes and discuss ingredients and cooking techniques, etc. It's your chance to get new ideas and share your cooking tips while tasting fun, new recipes and making new friends! **Cheshire Public Library** Gail Roberts, Head of Technical Services, will be retiring in December after 36 years with the Cheshire Public Library. We will be advertising for a combined Head of Circ/Technical Services this winter. Nicole Dolat, Children's Librarian, has moved on to the Prosser Public Library; Lauren Gledhill is our new Children's Librarian. **Milford Public Library** We have upgraded our projector, microphone and blue-ray system to hdmi enabled. This is exciting news for us as it makes it much easier for staff who in the past were always switching out equipment and cables. Dave Chameides, Emmy award winning camera operator and sustainability expert, spoke to our First Lego League Team about reusing and recycling. He was a wonderful presenter and I would recommend him highly. His website is: http://www.chasingsustainability.org/_/Home.html The Library has increased its partnership with our small business community. This past year we have joined both the Chamber and The Downtown Milford Business Associations as full members. In partnership we are offering a series of workshops this month focusing on specific areas of business: services/resources, restaurants, retail and arts & entertainment. We are also launching our availability as a VSBDC (Virtual Small Business Development Center) in which entrepreneurs/small businesses can connect via a dedicated laptop (using Google Hangouts) with consultants from the CT Small Business Development Center. Our Friends of the Library have launched a new fundraiser this month, a silent auction for a photo safari for two to South Africa. Proceeds will be split between the Friends (who support 100% of our programming) and the Milford Arts Council WPA Mural Committee, which is restoring a WPA mural which will hang at the Library. **Madison:** For the Scranton Memorial Library we are happy to announce the appointment of Jessica Franco as the new Teen Services Librarian. Jessica was a past CLA MLS Scholarship winner and most recently was working as a part-time teen librarian at the Phoebe Griffin Noyes library in Old Lyme. The Scranton Library Friends are holding a new fundraiser in the form of an Antiques Appraisal Roadshow on Sunday, November 8th from 1:30-3pm. For a small fee, Participants are asked to "Bring what you can carry" to the Community Room to get verbal appraisals from three antiques experts. **West Haven:** On November 14 we will be having an International Film Fest from 1:30-4 showcasing the top 3 languages in WH; which are Spanish, English, Arabic, and Turkish. They all will be silent films and family friendly. On November 21 will be international story time with the same languages featured as the film festival. That's from 11:30-2. This is all possible from a grant from IANH. We are having a series of CT Money School workshops dealing with banking on November 10 and saving on November 24th. The previous two programs in the series ABCs of credit and budgeting were well attended. **Bethany** Melissa Canham-Clyne, Director, Clark Memorial Library: Last budget season my town's Board of Finance asked me for a wish list of items/positions. Among the positions I asked for was that of a new position of Grant Writer/Development Consultant. Well, I am grateful because they granted that wish with funds specifically earmarked to be use to engage a professional in this manner. After attending a workshop on capital planning and RFPs, I put together a RFP and posted it to Idealist. Soon I received proposals from folks as far away as Missouri and Virginia. I just finished interviewing the top three candidates for the job last week. My top choice accepted our offer and we will begin working with him this Friday. Our first meeting is a casual dinner working - getting to know you meeting with my board, staff, First Selectman and other community stakeholders in attendance. I will

have folks ranging in age from 15 to 81, and a wide assortment of life and library experience represented. We will be completing a SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats) assessment as one of our exercises. This is a huge breakthrough in thinking for my library board, staff and community. I owe a lot to the great workshops I have attended at Middletown and the CLA conferences for helping me get to this point. Thank you, thank you, and thank you! **Branford Blackstone Library:** Following a suggestion from a wheelchair-bound patron, we installed a wireless doorbell by the inside door at the lower entrance. This door does not have automatic opening hardware installed, and now staff can be alerted to open the door when necessary. This will be helpful for patrons with strollers and walkers as well. It is an inexpensive, temporary solution until a building renovation. September closed out our final Learning Labs workshop for teens, which was a combination of sewing and circuitry. Teens learned the basics of hand stitching and how to operate a sewing machine in order to create light-up bracelets. This wearable technology incorporated conductive thread to attach LEDs, battery and an on/off switch. Participants experienced a circuit in action and learned that crossing lines will cause it to short circuit. This Learning Lab was scheduled for a total of two days but we did not account for the fact that this was a first time sewing experience for many of our participants. Our instructor Zenaida Barrios was kind enough to tack on an additional day so that everyone could get used to operating the sewing machines and complete their projects. The results were pretty great! This winter we will be taking a Learning Labs break but we cannot wait to set up our second set this coming spring. This time we will offer the classes on Saturday mornings rather than weekday evenings to see if we can grab teens that have extracurricular activities throughout the week, once again expanding who uses the MakerLab. *Writing Your Family History 11/7, 14, 21 @ 10—11:30 am* Sarah Bradley hosts this series of writing workshops focusing on helping you write your family's history. *Rave On! 11/8 @ 2—3:15 PM* The music of Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison and other leg-ends of early rock and roll. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* *Brain Health & Warning Signs: 10 Signs of Dementia 11/12 @ 11 AM— 12 Noon* Learn more about the 10 warning signs of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease and how they differ from typical age-related dementia. For caregivers of people with any type of dementia. **Russell Library: Friends of the Library Holiday Booksale: November 13 - 15** Special Holiday Sale [To End All Wars: The Songs of the First World War with Rick Spencer](#) **Sunday, November 8, 2:00 PM, Hubbard Room** Rick Spencer performs both well-known and obscure songs of the period, along with a discussion of the issues, events and personalities of the "War to End All Wars." Rick Spencer is known internationally for his work as a historian, researcher, singer, songwriter and performer of music in the American folk tradition. This program is made possible by the Friends of Russell Library. *Common Ground Middletown International Film Festival November 10: Josh (Against the Grain) Pakistan, 2013, Directed by Iram Parveen Bilal Hubbard Room - 7pm* **Speaker: Anu Sharma (Prof WesU)** Fatima, a committed schoolteacher living the cosmopolitan high life in Karachi, has her life shattered when her nanny, Nusrat, inexplicably disappears. **Sponsorship information: The film festival is made possible by The Middletown Commission on the Arts, Middletown Rotary, Friends of the Russell Library, the New Haven Philatelic Society and Individual donors of the Russell Library. *Middletown and The Great War Thursday, November 12th 7PM-8:30PM* In order to commemorate more than 100 years since the beginning of World War I, historian and local author Dione Longley will use news reports, historical documents, and photographs to illustrate and discuss the impact of**

the 'Great War" on Middletown, from those who answered the call of duty to the many contributions of men, women and children on the home front. Dione Longley is an independent historian and writer. She is the co-author of *Heroes for All Time: Connecticut Civil War Soldiers Tell Their Stories* recently published by Wesleyan University Press, and also served as the director of the Middlesex County Historical Society for twenty years. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Russell Library.

37. Beth Crowley adjourned the meeting at 11:38am. The motion to adjourn was made by Carl Antonucci, seconded by Karen Jensen and passed unanimously.

Attendance: Kymberlee Powe, Colleen Bailie, Sara Martone, Richard Conroy, Marge Ruschau, Nicole Greco, Jennifer Datum, Gail Hurley, Laurie Haggan, Sue Dowdell, Bernadette Niedermeier, Lorna Rhyins, Gerald Seagraves, Peter Ciparelli, Ellen G. Cartledge, Lisa Karim, Kristina Edwards, Carl Antonucci, Karen Jensen, Beth Crowley, Tom Piezzo, Katy Dillman, Chris Angelli, Danielle Valenzano, Steve Cauffman, Brandie Doyle, Bob Shea, Cindy Schofield, Allison Wilkos, Lorrie Goings, Ken Wiggin, Frank W. Ridley, Mary Etter, Christy Billings, Kara Gilbert, Janice Wilson, Sunnie Scarpa.

The next regular meeting of the CLA Board will on Thursday, December 3rd 2015 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sunnie Scarpa, Recording Secretary.