

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting

Thursday, September 1st 2016

Middletown Library Service Center

1. Karen Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
2. The minutes from the July meeting were approved. The motion was made by Gail Hurley, seconded by Carl Antonucci, and passed unanimously.
3. Old Business
 - a. President's Report – Karen Jensen handed out copies of the book Unthinkable to people who asked for them at the July meeting, please let Karen know if you'd like one of the extra copies. The Region One Representative has resigned for personal reasons. There has been a volunteer, a vote may be called at the next meeting to appoint them to the position until the end of the current term. Bernadette Neidermeier has also resigned from the YA Section. If you know someone who may be interested, please let Karen know.
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Scott Brill let everyone know that we are over budget right now because the expense for advocacy was not included in the budget for this fiscal year. The board actually approved spending \$12,000 with Libby Post back in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Most of the work was done in 2015-2016, but the remaining \$1,996.75 was spent in July of this year. The ACLB is expected to reimburse \$1,500 of that expense. A motion to approve the report was made by Glenn Grube, seconded by Chris Angeli, and passed unanimously.
4. New Business
 - a. Two sections brought bylaws to be voted on. Drusilla Carter gave a summary of the bylaws changes for the Public Libraries Section. There was a discussion. A motion was made to accept by Peter Ciparelli, seconded by Scott Brill, and passed unanimously.
 - b. Jennifer Rummel gave a summary of the Young Adult bylaws changes. A motion to accept was made by Carl Antonucci, seconded by Kym Powe, and passed unanimously.
 - c. Conference registration rates were reviewed by Kristina Edwards. A motion to accept was made by Scott Brill, seconded by Carl Antonucci, and passed unanimously.
 - d. The Charles Schwab investment account holds funds donated by Adeline Mix for scholarships. Signers for that account have not been updated in many years, so current executive board members are not able to access information about the account. Karen would like to add herself as the President of the Board, Glenn Grube as the VP/President Elect, Scott Brill as the current Treasurer as signatories and Jennifer Keohane as an Administrator for this account. There was discussion and a motion was made to accept by Beth Crowley, it was seconded by Peter Ciparelli, and passed unanimously.

- e. Jennifer Keohane gave a summary of the CLA/CLC partnership. Handouts were given to outline the details of how the two organizations work together.
5. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports
- a. ADA: Maria Bernier summarized some suggested wording and resources regarding accommodations at CLA events, workshops, etc. She gave out a handout with information and a link to more resources. November 1st is the date for the ADA fall workshop at the West Haven Library. If you have a policy on service animals, please forward it to Maria.
 - b. Career Development: Richard Conroy reported that a meeting will be held on September 30th to start planning for next year's leadership institute. The meeting is open to anyone interested and will be starting at 3pm at the Carter Hull Library. They are considering developing a minimum salary guidelines for management and administrative positions in libraries.
 - c. CLA Lobbyist: Kate Robinson gave us a quick summary of the current fiscal contraction in CT.
 - d. CLC: Jennifer Keohane clarified that CLC's mission is to negotiate statewide discounts – the go out to bid, so you don't have to. Book and supply bids just came out and are slightly better than last year, so check those out. Sprint hotspots are deeply discounted through September 30th and fliers were made available. If you'd like to purchase something not currently discounted through CLC, please contact them to see if they're able to make a deal.
 - e. Commission on Educational Technology: Colleen Baile reported that September 12th is their next scheduled meeting.
 - f. CSL: Ken Wiggin let everyone know that the CSL's latest budget document is due today. Personnel is the largest part, there are many vacancies at the moment. Budget options will be made in the next phase of the process. The state library board are making their first fiber grants to libraries. Progress has been made on the e-book platform project, which will be rolled out this year. ACLPD voted to dissolve the current taskforce and start two new taskforces, one for short term issues and one for long term planning. An RFP went out for a consultant. Focus group information was given to the board and will be given to taskforces. A volume survey was done for DeliverIt CT and responses will be reported at the next meeting. They are currently trying to hire a new part-time person to sort and deliver, however, many hurdles exist in state service hiring. The federal budget may be a concern at the end of September. Jennifer mentioned that there are spaces for new members on both task forces. Many people wanted to thank Maria Bernier for help with the E-rate process.
 - g. Children's: Sunnie Scarpa reported that their fall workshop will be held on October 7th, 2016 at the Wallingford Public Library and workshop details will be advertised by the end of next week.

- h. College & University: Kristina Edwards reported that fall program planning will be happening in the next few weeks. Julie Styles will be coming on to help Kristina with CULS.
- i. CLASS: Alberto Cifuentes. Jr. let us know that the CLASS logo is now on the website, it was created by library support staff. Their annual conference is Friday, October 28th and the cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Diane Brown is the morning keynote speaker. The theme this year is diversity and inclusion. Anthony Riccio is the afternoon keynote speaker. Many workshops are planned on a wide variety of topics. Info will be on the website within the next two weeks.
- j. Conference 2016: Kristina Edwards is looking into keynotes for the conference in May. A formal call for workshop proposals will be out very soon. The deadline will be November 4th and all forms will be available on the website.
- k. Customer Service: Ellen Cartledge-Janpol told everyone their fall workshop will be held on October 27th at the Wallingford Public Library. They will present a full day workshop called "the purpose based library." The keynote speaker is John Newburg, from Oklahoma. The cost is \$50 for CLA members, \$60 for non-members. Flyers were given out. CLC Special Librarians roundtable is sponsoring a wine tasting at the Gouveia vineyard it begins at 4pm. The Newbie roundtable is also meeting there at 6:30pm. The special libraries association New England chapter is sponsoring an all-day conference in Southbridge, MA. The theme is "Building skills, creating value." They are working on developing proposals for the CLA annual conference.
- l. Editorial: Jen Datum asked everyone to send info for the website to her, including new bylaws, etc. Email changes will be made, Jen will send out more information to those who need it. The Northatlantic Health Sciences Libraries conference is in New Haven this year and may be helpful for library staff of all kinds.
- m. FOCL: Frank Ridley reported that the fall conference will be held on November 19th at Southern CT State University, details will be shared at our meeting next month.
- n. Intellectual Freedom: Kara Gilbert sent in this report - Banned Books Week is September 25th-October 1st this year. I will be giving a presentation and participating in a discussion at Eastern CT State University on Thursday, September 29th from 4pm-6pm related to banned and challenged materials. The theme for the evening is "Diversity under attack: The censorship of literature written by authors of color and the attempt to silence those with minority perspectives." This event is free and open to the public. Our next IF meeting will be on Monday, September 12th.
- o. Membership: Tom Piezzo handed out flyers for a CLA meetup at the Blackstone Library next Friday. Please promote the event at your library. Tom also made a proposal for new member incentives. Recommendations are based on the recent survey about membership. A \$10 discount for first time members was suggested, as well as a \$10 discount for members that refer first-time members (once per calendar year). The discount is contingent on payment within 30 days of member registration. There was discussion. A motion to accept was made by Drusilla Carter, seconded by Kym Powe, and passed unanimously contingent on logistics being successfully worked out with CLC staff.

- p. NELA: Gail Hurley reported that early bird registration has been extended to September 16th for the annual NELA conference. NELLE 2 took place in August and Mary Etter gave a summary of that event. There were four participants from CT.
 - q. PEG: Peter Ciparelli made his monthly appeal to give out money for scholarships!
 - r. Public Library: Drusilla Carter announced a panel discussion on user friendly libraries to be held at the Wallingford Public Library in October.
 - s. Reference & Adult Services: Lisa Gugliotti let us know that on Friday, October 21st an event on low/no budget programs will be held at the Henry Carter Hull Library.
 - t. Technical Services: Gail Hurley reported that their August 16th section meeting was promoted on StarChapter and attendance was much higher than usual. Plans are in progress for professional development opportunities. All presentations have been documented and will be kept to provide continuity.
 - u. Young Adult: Jennifer Rummel let us know that on November 16th their fall workshop will be held at the Wallingford Public Library. Publishers will be bringing sneak peeks at books being published this fall/winter.
 - v. Region 3: Drusilla Carter **Saxton Little Library** will be closing at their temporary location and will reopen in their new building on November 1st. **Guilford Smith Memorial Library** welcomed their new director, Margaret Kurnyk. **The Willimantic Public Library** has a contractor for renovations and plans to start the construction process in September.
 - w. Region 5: Karen Jensen noted that the Milford Public Library was recently added to the Bibliomation consortium. Scott Brill let us know that Essie Lydon is retiring as Director of the Shelton Public Library as of November 1st and the Mayor is not seeking an immediate replacement.
 - x. Region 6: Gale Bradbury Libraries in Southeastern Connecticut will collaborate with the Garde Arts Center this fall to promote Wally Lamb's new book, *I'll Take You There*. A public showing of the movie based on the book *Wishin' and a Hopin'* will serve as the kick-off event in November (20) for a Community Read of his new book. On December 18 Wally Lamb will be at the Garde to promote his new book. Book discussions will be held in January.
6. Karen Jensen adjourned the meeting at 11:55am. The motion to adjourn was made by Carl Antonucci, seconded by Peter Ciparelli, and passed unanimously.

Attendance: Sunnie Scarpa, Kymberlee Powe, Danielle Valenzano, Christine Angeli, Richard Conroy, Lisa Gugliotti, Carl Antonucci, Peter Ciparelli, Lisa Karim, Colleen Bailie, Ellen Cartledge-Janpol, Susan Ray, Gail Hurley, Drusilla Carter, Gale Bradbury, Kristina Edwards, Sara Martone, Glenn Grube. Karen Jensen, Scott Brill, Kendall Wiggan, Stephen Cauffman, Alberto Cifuentes, Jr. Maria Bernier, Jennifer Rummel, Mary Etter, Beth Crowley, Tom Piezzo, Lisa Mann, Frank W. Ridley, Katy Dillman, Brandie Doyle, Jennifer Datum, Jennifer Keohane, Lorrie Goings.

The next regular meeting of the CLA Board will on Thursday, October 6th at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sunnie Scarpa, Recording Secretary.