

Connecticut Library Association Executive Board Meeting

April 3, 2014

Middletown Library Service Center

1. Richard Conroy called the meeting the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Board Introductions
3. Minutes from the March 6th meeting were approved with corrections
4. Old Business
 - a. President's Report – Richard Conroy
 - i. Budgets due May 1st. The submissions form has been updated. Reminder that expected income and expenses should balance.
 - ii. The May meeting will take place at the conference.
 - iii. Because of a conflict with the FLB conference, the June 5th meeting has been changed to June 12th and will take place at the Middletown Library Service Center.
 - iv. David Boudinot and his family are moving. David will be unable to step in as President. Richard thanked David for his amazing work for the organization. CLA is a good organization and will be able to weather the transition.
 - v. The Executive Committee met this morning to change Dawn LaValle from Vice-President Elect to President Elect on the Ballet. They are actively recruiting for the position of Vice-President Elect. Richard will be emailing CLA members informing them that Dawn will not be able to run. Please contact Carl or Richard if you are interested in running.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Jennifer Keohane and Jenn Datum are resolving issues with Star Chapter – the numbers are not in.
5. New Business
 - a. Cindy Schofield, Membership Chair, extended reduced registration rates to CASL members for the Annual Conference. She asked that CASL add CLA as an affiliated member. She would like to cultivate affiliations with other organizations. Recommended that if CLA had a liaison on CASL it may improve communications. She asked to define affiliation; does it mean discounts on conference registrations? Having a CASL liaison on CLA could be valuable. Richard agreed and said it would also improve communication. Consideration given to clarifying the role of liaison.
 - b. Ed Morrissey, ADA Chair, gave a presentation of the updated ADA Resources page on the CLA website. The web page provides links to other disability resources available from the CT State Library and elsewhere and includes EResources and adaptive technologies available at libraries throughout the State.
 - c. Wendy Rego, Member Relations for Connecticut Education Network (aka CEN), appeared to familiarize CLA members with the progress of the Nutmeg Network, an effort begun in 2001 to connect K-12, libraries and higher education institutions to upgrade from DSL to broad band. To date there are 99 libraries still on DSL. Municipalities that include libraries in their town networks receive discounts through CEN under the Nutmeg Network umbrella. A Board Member of CEN has endowed funding for this project. Currently 166 principal libraries and 17 secondary libraries are connected. Wendy invited CLA members to attend their conference on May 22nd. Attendees are drawn from higher education

private and K-12 schools, libraries, municipalities and business. CEN also has a news letter every 3 month with a spotlight on the technology updates on the network.

6. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports
 - a. ACLB: Betsy McIlvaine
 - i. Joint workshop with FOCL "Working Together" May 10 from 10 -12pm at the Willimantic Library Service Center. They will discuss issues and solutions of bringing people together.
 - b. ADA: Ed Morrissey
 - i. 63 people have signed up to attend the program with Stacey Heart at CLA.
 - c. ALA/Legislative: Carl Antonucci
 - i. Marcie Marola and Bobby Shea will be attending the ALA Advocacy Initiative at the State Library on April 28th.
 - d. Career Development: Michael Spellmon
 - i. Scholarship applications were scored and winners notified.
 - ii. Plans to revise the requirements and application. The current application is misleading. They are considering accepting resumes. It will make it easier to score applications and highlight the relevant points. They will also and require proof of matriculation.
 - iii. Extend the application deadline to the first week of March. Early February is too early.
 - iv. There were no applicants this year for the LTA scholarship. They are going to look into schools with LTA programs who offer scholarships. If so, CLA may give the money to the schools for their LTA scholarship fund.
 - v. The survey for minimum salary guidelines ties in with Library Journal estimates.
 - vi. Leadership Institutes' keynote speaker is Gillian Murphy. She will talk about the 10 key leadership qualities.
 - e. CSL: Ken Wiggin
 - i. Laura Matthews is the new LSTA Coordinator.
 - ii. New changes to the State project guidelines; you can resubmit the following year.
 - iii. In partnership with program guidelines ACLPD will require more explanation on how space will be used.
 - iv. \$2.2 million in bond package for Ebook platform. Legislature gives authority for the Ebook bill on the house calendar.
 - f. Children's: Mary Beth Rassulo/Bernadette Niedermeier/Christina Hill
 - i. Meeting Friday to confirm nominees for the Award.
 - g. College & University: Martha Kruey
 - i. Looking for new members.
 - ii. Conference in June with six speakers lined up.
 - h. Conference 2014: Chris Angeli/Jason Neely
 - i. 300 members and 15 guests have registered.
 - ii. \$77K from registrations.
 - iii. \$30K from Exhibitors.
 - iv. Deadline is Friday April 4th for updates or corrections to program.
 - v. Presenters are registered by the Conference Committee and will be notified by email.
 - i. Customer Service: Brandi Doyle/Ellen Cartledge

- i. Initiated a pilot program to deliver customer training to individual libraries upon demand. Their first customer service training program was given at SCSU Library on 'Easy Ways to Implement Customer Service'.
 - ii. Planning stages of the fall program
- j. Editorial: Jenn Datum
 - i. Program recorder should estimate Conference Reports between 250-500 words.
- k. Friends: Frank Ridley
 - i. Boot camp April 26th at Middlesex Library.
 - ii. Annual meeting information is on the FOCL website.
- l. Legislative: Jay Johnston/Carl Antonucci
 - i. Celebrate National Library Day at State Capital.
 - ii. EBook legislation benefits all CT Libraries.
 - iii. Know your town leaders and create relationships with them. Invite them to your library.
- m. PEG: Peter Ciaparelli
 - i. Ok'd 4 PEG grants and thanked committee members. All the money has been given away.
- n. Procedures: Karen Jensen
 - i. Requested text for a proposed amendment to the bylaws under Section 4-6/ elections and vacancies. Richard will include an addendum and notify members in an email announcement.
- o. Publicity: Tara Borden
 - i. Media Matters workshop made \$960.
 - ii. There is an annual display up at the State Library thru April 16th.
 - iii. Slideshow from Snapshot Day available on the CLA website.
- p. Public Library: Sally Tornow
 - i. Publicity winners have been notified and are posted on the CLA website.
 - ii. Passport to Connecticut program sign ups are on the CLA website.
- q. Technology: Arianna Schlegel
 - i. Working on the Tech Conference programs.
 - ii. Co-Chairs creating pub meet ups to discuss technology.
- r. YA: Bailey Ortiz
 - i. Discussing common core.
- s. Region 2: Christy Billings
 - i. Connect consortium -- preparing for transition from Sirsi to Sierra.
 - ii. Prosser Library, Bloomfield – sponsoring a talk by Ben Keene author of *The Great Northeast Brewery Tour* but it will be held at the Thomas Hooker Brewing Company in town. April 3.
 - iii. Bristol – holding a Downton Abbey Two O'Clock Tea with refreshments will be provided by the Friends. Period dress encouraged. April 26
 - iv. Enfield, Pearl St. branch –hosting a town-wide scavenger hunt/fundraiser on April 19.
 - v. Farmington – has added e-books through Baker & Taylor's Axis 360
 - vi. Hartford -- In celebration of National Poetry Month, will host a citywide celebration featuring poetry performances at all 10 library branches.-- cosponsored a 2-part city budget workshop with the city, Leadership Greater Hartford and MetroHartford Alliance, asking residents to tell the mayor and council members what they wanted in a budget--

- received \$375,000 in grants from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation to be used to help create a digital learning center for teens
- vii. Welles Turner, Glastonbury -- will host the author of *In Bed with Wall Street: The Conspiracy Crippling Our Global Economy*. Sunday, April 27
 - viii. Manchester – Whiton branch closing for about 2 months for renovation
 - ix. New Britain – hosting open mic poetry, Saturday, April 12--hosting free art workshop in charcoal and pastel, Saturday, April 19
 - x. Lucy Robbins Welles, Newington -- held a QR Code scavenger hunt for teens
 - xi. Plainville – library and the Plainville Historical Society will co-sponsor a presentation by Kandi Carle titled “Fashion in Fiction,” Tuesday April 15 at 7 p.m. at the library.
 - xii. Simsbury – creating an innovators workshop including a 3D printer and asking for volunteers to help with it
 - xiii. Southington -- historical lecture on Fenway Park, cosponsored by the historical society
 - xiv. Kent Memorial in Suffield – holding tai chi on the library lawn, April 26, 10 a.m.
 - xv. Wethersfield -- hosting a talk from the Connecticut Department of Banking on whether you should use a financial planner and how to find one. April 8, 6:30 p.m.
 - xvi. Windsor -- collecting artworks from patrons centered around John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars* for a May art show
- t. Region 3: Peter Ciparelli
 - i. Saxton B. Little Library – Columbia- The library received a \$410,000 grant from New Alliance Foundation towards their renovation project. Unlike the state grant, this grant is theirs regardless of the bonding outcome. The bonding will go to vote in November. For the summer reading program they are trying something new, rather than offering incentives of “cheap” grab bag toys, readers can elect to put their name in a can of pet food or treats and watch the towers of food grow. At the end of the summer, they’ll be donating the food to an animal sanctuary and offering a field trip for delivery and to tour the facilities. This program is also supported by a \$5,000 grant.
 - ii. Killingly Public Library, Danielson – The town manager made his budget public last Monday. In it, he is recommending one new part time position for the library. KPL lost one full time and three part time positions due to budget cuts last year.
 - iii. Hall Memorial Library – Ellington – The library has programs on Research Your Historic House, How to Pay for College, and What’s the Buzz: Hobby Beekeeping, during the month of April. Also, they have a Jane Austen Book club which meets the third Thursday of each month.
 - iv. Thompson Public Library – The library is doing Oscar Movies@ the Library ext week. They will be showing Oscar winning movies from this year on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 - u. Region 4: Sheri Szymanski
 - i. Tonight, Fairfield Library is presenting “Does No Man No or does No Mean Maybe?” a parenting program that will build parenting skills and decrease power struggles and challenging behaviors.
 - ii. The Ridgefield Library will be moving from its temporary quarters to its new building with dedication ceremonies planned for Friday, May 9th. The celebration will kick off with a Book Brigade of volunteers, led by Maurice Sendak's *Wild Thing*, passing the last few books from our temporary location down the street to their places in the new

- iii. Greenwich library is hosting mystery writers, Chris Pavone and Olen Steinhauer as part of the AuthorsLive series on Tuesday, April 8th.
- iv. The Junior League of Greenwich and Greenwich Library are co-sponsoring the third annual Greenwich Youth Film Festival on Saturday, April 27th. The festival is open to high school students in Westchester and Fairfield Counties. The top five submissions in five categories: Music Video, Animation, Documentary, PSA, and Creative will be screened, and winners selected. Additionally, one of the final top five will be chosen as the overall winner.
- v. The Edith Wheeler Memorial Library in Monroe will host "Writers' Expo", an evening of creative sharing for writer development on April 15th.
- vi. Ferguson Library is hosting A Novel Affair, an evening of food, spirits and entertainment on Thursday, April 10th. Proceeds benefit the Library.
- vii. The Wilton Library's spring benefit, Beyond Words, will be held on Friday, April 4th. The event theme is based on the paintings of Mondrian and will feature a live auction & buffet.
- viii. The Stratford Library will be hosting its annual fundraising event, "Good Vibrations", an evening featuring the music of the Beach Boys on Saturday, April 26th. Also, Two Roads Brewery is donating money to the library for every pint of beer sold on Tuesdays in April.
- ix. Tonight, Fairfield Library is presenting "Does No Man No or does No Mean Maybe?" a parenting program that will build parenting skills and decrease power struggles and challenging behaviors.
- x. On Friday, May 2nd, Westport Library's Malloy Lecture Series will feature music legend Clive Davis, who has won six Grammy Awards and is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a non-performer. He will be discussing his book *The Soundtrack of My Life*.

7. Adjournment

Attendance: Michele Martin, Christina Baum, Jennifer Keohane, David Boudinot, Richard Conroy, Carl DeMilia, Kren Jensen, Mary Etter, Paula Cook, Carl Antonucci, Peter Ciparelli, Ellen Cartledge, Brandie Doyle, Marge Ruschau, Gerald Seagrave, Christy Billings, Julie Styles, Dawn LaValle, Sheri Szymanski, Cindy Schofield, Mary Engels, Jennifer Datum, Bernadette Niedermeier, Chris Angeli, Jason Neely, Ed Morrissey, Sally Tornow, Karen Casey, Sarah White, Frank Ridley, Betsy McIlvaine, Tara Borden, Arianna Schlegel, Wendy Rego, Martha Kruy, Steven Bernstein, Michael Spellmon, Bailey Ortiz.