

**Connecticut Library Association-Executive Board Meeting**  
**New Milford Public Library**  
**June 7, 2012**

- I. Call to Order: Betty Anne Reiter called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- II. Board Introductions: the members of the board introduced themselves
- III. Approval of Minutes: Carl DeMilia moved to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting, seconded by Sally Tornow. The motion passed with one abstention
- IV. Old Business
  - a. President's Report
    - i. Betty Anne Reiter thanked everyone for a great year as CLA President
    - ii. Betty Anne Reiter spoke about the importance of Library Advocacy Day and urged CLA to continue to participate
    - iii. Betty Anne Reiter noted that membership is an ongoing challenge and CLA needs to continue to brainstorm ways to raise membership
    - iv. CLA elections: members should receive an email ballot soon. Kate Sheehan said the new issue of CLA Today will be out soon and contains information on the candidates.
    - v. A thank you note was passed around from Randi Ashton Pritting for her CLA award
    - vi. Betty Anne Reiter recognized and thanked all outgoing board members
  - b. Vice President/President-Elect report
    - i. Carl DeMila thanked everyone for making the trip to New Milford
    - ii. Carl DeMilia thanked Betty Anne Reiter for her service and leadership as CLA President
    - iii. Carl DeMilia said that the monthly CLA board meetings will continue to take place at the Middletown Library Service Center on the first Thursday of each month starting with the August 2 meeting
  - c. Treasurer's Report
    - i. In Alison Wang's absence, Betty Anne announced that committee budgets will be due soon
  - d. 2012 Post Conference Wrap Up
    - i. Steve Cauffman distributed the 2012 Annual Conference Income Statement
    - ii. Steve Cauffman noted that registration for the 2012 conference was good and that the vendor hall sold out
    - iii. Steve Cauffman stated that the total income from the conference was \$18,056.86
    - iv. Steve Cauffman welcomed the 2013 conference committee: Ben Shum, Michele Martin and Carl DeMilia
    - v. Ben Shum announced that the 2013 annual conference is scheduled for April 29 & 30 at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell

- vi. CLA President Betty Anne Reiter passed the gavel to Vice President/President Elect, Carl DeMilia
- V. New Business
  - a. Library Advocacy Day
    - i. Ken Wiggin urged librarians to show up to events like this and encouraged CLA to continue to be involved in this event
  - b. Project Compass
    - i. 6 Connecticut librarians attended this event to learn how libraries can be involved in: job searching, small business, financial literacy, and technology skills.
    - ii. Ken Wiggin and the 6 librarians will meet to work on the next steps of this project
  - c. 2012 Leadership Institute
    - i. Friday July 20 at the University of Hartford
    - ii. Registration opens next week and is a members-only event
  - d. Annual Board Luncheon and Retreat
    - i. Thursday August 2 following the board meeting
    - ii. Board members new and old are encouraged to attend to learn about procedures, Star Chapter, etc.
- VI. Action Item
  - a. Authorization of check signing
    - i. A motion was made by Peter Ciparelli and seconded by Mary Etter to remove Debbie Herman and Alison Wang as authorized signers and to add Carl DeMilia and Christina Baum. The motion passed unanimously
- VII. Reports
  - a. Editorial
    - i. Kate Sheehan said that the conference reports will be up within the next few days
  - b. State Library
    - i. Ken Wiggin said that there should not be any changes to the budget
    - ii. The act concerning museums, libraries and archives passed
    - iii. Ken Wiggin is working with ACLB to work on ways to support municipal libraries whose towns try to claim their funds
    - iv. DLD adopted a strategic plan which will be up on the Webjunction site soon
    - v. New RFP proposals: databases & request
  - c. PEG
    - i. Peter Ciparelli stated that 2 PEG grants were awarded this year
  - d. Procedures
    - i. Mary Etter reminded committees to write and submit their annual reports
  - e. Friends
    - i. Paul McIlvaine announced the Friends annual meeting is Saturday June 9

- f. Region 1 – Sally Tornow
  - i. Kent Memorial Library had their big fundraiser of the year with a talk by Meryl Streep moderated by Frank Delany on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Oliver Wolcott Library was awarded a Litchfield Education Fund grant to start a Lego Club.
  - iii. Middlebury Library is offering an Adult summer Reading program called “Build Your Brain” where the participants have to solve a puzzle to enter the raffle.
  - iv. Gunn Memorial Library is holding a fundraising event on June 9<sup>th</sup>. “Luminaries” of the community will open their homes for 13 simultaneous dinner parties.
- g. Region 2 –Glen Grube
  - i. After more than a decade of planning and preparation, and 15 months of construction and renovation, the Avon Free Public Library has reopened its doors and it’s time to celebrate! They will be holding their grand opening and dedication of their new building on Sunday, June 10. The event starts at 1:00 p.m. and will include formal remarks and a ribbon cutting ceremony beginning at 1:30 p.m. This festive event is open to the public and will include tours, children’s games and activities, refreshments, and entertainment.
  - ii. Kelly Marszycki, director of Granby Public Library would like to announce the appointment of their new Children's Librarian, Joan Beatson. Joan begins work on June 6 and comes to Granby from the Barney Library, Farmington Public Library System. They are very pleased as Granby Public Library and Cossitt Library have been without a Children's Librarian for six months!
  - iii. Marian Amodeo of Hartford Public Library reports that HPL's big fundraiser, One Big Summer Night, is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 at the Convention Center. Special guest is Arianna Huffington. Tickets are \$145. To order tickets or for more information, email Marian at [mamodeo@hplct.org](mailto:mamodeo@hplct.org).
- h. Region 3 – Su Epstein
  - i. The Vernon Library received a construction grant.
- i. Region 5 – Chris Angeli
  - i. The Russell Library in Middletown hosted a very successful author event in May. Sebastiano Santostefano, author of *First to last picking: Sicilians in America: yesterday, today, and tomorrow*, gave a reading and talk to an at capacity audience, which included the Mayor and Fire Marshall. The discussion was rounded out by a panel which included three professors and staff from Middlesex Community College. The Library has again lent its support and resources to the Naturalization Ceremony taking place at Middletown City Hall. Library staff designed a brochure for the program, which includes a bibliography of resources for the new citizens.
- j. Region 6 – Suzanne Maryeski
  - i. The Otis Library in Norwich received an LSTA grant.
  - ii. Lyme passed a referendum to build a new library and town hall.

- iii. The New London Public Library opened a new nonprofit resource center with 75 people attending the grand opening.
- iv. The 11<sup>th</sup> annual One Book, One Region program of Southeastern Connecticut will be continuing all summer featuring events based on this year's book *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. The author will be returning to the region in September.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Herman, seconded by Sally Tornow.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katie Fargo  
Co-Chair, YA Section

Attendees: Christine Angeli, Susan Lauricella, Paul McIlvaine, Mary Beth Rassulo, Leah Farrell, Dana Tonkonow, Ken Wiggin, Kate Sheehan, Carl DeMilia, Richard Conroy, Peter Ciparelli, Mary Etter, Betty Anne Reiter, Benjamin Shum, Steve Cauffman, Arianna Schlegel, Gerald Seagrave, Michele Martin, Suzanne Maryeski, Sally Tornow, Debbie Herman, Linda Williams, Katie Fargo