Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting  
February 2nd, 2017  
Middletown Library Service Center, Middletown  
9:30 Coffee / 10:00 Business Meeting

1. Karen Jensen called the meeting to order at 10am.
2. The January 5th, 2017 meeting minutes were approved, with changes. The motion was made by Carl Antonucci, seconded by Peter Ciparelli, and approved unanimously.
3. Old Business 
   a. President’s Report – Karen has been working to update the names on our Charles Schwab account. She has added the current names, but needs a board resolution to remove older names from the account - Randi Ashton-Pritting and Alison Wang. A motion was made by Peter Ciparelli and seconded by Drusilla Carter. The motion passed unanimously.
4. New Business 
   a. The Career Development Committee wants to recommend that scholarships be given out to students pursuing certificates and degrees besides just the MLIS, for instance a BA or LTA certification. Anyone in an ALA certified program will be eligible. CT residents, enrolled in a school anywhere. They will award the scholarships at the conference.
   b. Beth Crowley let us know that we will be holding open elections for VP, Recording Secretary, Regional Representatives for regions 1, 4, and 5, and NELA representative. An email will go out this month and the nominees will be presented at the next board meeting. Voting is done via email.
   c. Ken Wiggin let us know that a library has inquired about what to do in the event of immigration officials coming to a library for patron information. Ken suggested that CLA or the Intellectual Freedom Committee may want to issue a statement on this issue. Carl Antonucci volunteered to help crafting a recommended procedure. The Intellectual Committee is planning a patron privacy workshop in April that may address related issues.
5. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports: 
   a. ACLB: Dawn LaValle let us know that they have launched a membership campaign. Your library board chair will get a renewal or invitation letter.
   b. ADA: Maria Bernier is very grateful that they can bring three sessions to the annual conference this year.
   c. ALA: Carl Antonucci brought a report about what went on at the ALA Midwinter council meeting in January. This report is attached at the end of these minutes.
   d. Awards: Christy Billings reported that award nominations are open. No nominations have been submitted yet. March 3rd is the deadline.
   e. CLC: Ellen Paul announced two new partnerships with Browse Aloud and Staples. Two new roundtables have been announced – a School Librarians roundtable and a Social Justice roundtable. They are currently working with Baker & Taylor and Follett to make sure that discounts are still honored now that they are moving all school libraries to their Follett division.
   f. CSL: Ken Wiggin reported that the January board meeting welcomed Mary Etter as a new board member. They approved a new internet safety policy and a third round of library fiber grants. They also approved Seymour and Berlin-Peck library projects. Taskforces are meeting regularly to discuss DeliverIT services. The new state budget comes out next week. The federal budget is on a continued resolution through April. The CSL is a federal depository library. A number of websites have been shut down, so many links are no longer valid. There is the possibility that they will be asked to return items, which they would resist. Dawn reported that Excite Innovation Tank finished last night, with participants being awarded grant opportunities, digital badges, and certifications. A workshop will be held at the CLA conference and they hope to make it an ongoing, regional program.
g. College & University: Kristina Edwards reported that the InfoLit conference call for proposals will be forthcoming for the conference on June 16th at MCC. They are also sponsoring a couple of programs at the CLA annual conference.

h. CLASS: Lorrie Goings gave us an update on the surveys they received after this year's CLASS conference. They were overwhelmingly positive and will be used to plan the next conference.

i. Conference 2017: Kristina Edwards & Sara Martone sent out speaker confirmation letters and have all workshops finalized. They will be opening registration mid-month and are currently working on marketing strategies.

j. Customer Service: Ellen Cartledge-Janpol reported that they had four workshops accepted for the annual conference.

k. Editorial: Marjorie Ruschau let us know that the newsletter will be coming out in two weeks, featuring a TYCLD roundup. Please take pictures on Saturday and send them in asap to Danielle Valenzano.

l. FOCL: Frank Ridley reported that regional meetings will be taking place around the state in the coming weeks.

m. Intellectual Freedom: Kara Gilbert put a letter regarding the Patriot Act on hold, given changes in the administration. They have two conference programs in the works and a privacy workshop planned for the spring.

n. Legislative: Carl Antonucci & Mary Etter let us know that they'll be contacting individuals in the towns where Education sub-committee members live. They hope that librarians will come to the meetings to share library outcomes. They're encouraging people to fill out the political context questionnaires. Carl will start working on plans for the annual trip to DC. Ken let us know that the budget session for the library will take place on Feb. 21st.

o. Membership: Thomas Piezzo reported that their next committee meeting will be held on February 27th. They'll be selecting merchandise to use as membership incentives. They're also working to co-ordinate with regional reps to plan meetups around the state.

p. NELA: Gail Hurley let us know that the extended membership program will be set up this month and should be ready by March. A member from each state is being solicited to serve on their Education committee. The new NELLS application should be available very soon. They are also working on a new NELA newsletter. Workshop proposals are now being accepted for the annual conference. The keynote will be Richard Moniz, the author of The Mindful Librarian. The conference will be held October 22-24 in Burlington, VT. A diversity summit is planned for July. They are also recruiting for new board positions – VP, Treasurer, and Junior Director. Gail also shared news from libraries around New England.

q. PEG: Peter Ciparelli wants to give money to anyone who needs it!

r. Publicity: Julie Ann Menders let us know that the committee is working on a program in March. The name will change from Media Matters to communicate a focus on video programs.

s. Public Library: Lorna Rhyins & Drusilla Carter reported that Drusilla has signed on as a co-chair again.

t. Reference & Adult Services: Lisa Gugliotti told us that they have had two programs approved for the annual conference.

u. SCSU: Arlene Bielefield reported that the MLS department is sending in accreditation pre-approval progress report in very shortly and they believe they're right on track. They will be presenting a conference workshop focused on their internship program, which will be starting next year. Recruitment is on their minds for next year. They hope to be accredited in 2020 and that status would be retroactive for two years.

v. Technical Services: Laurie Haggan & Gail Hurley let us know that two of their proposals were accepted for the annual conference and they'll be meeting again in a couple of weeks.

w. Technology: Gen Francis reported that they had one workshop approved for the conference. They'll be having a reboot meeting on March 9th.

x. Young Adult: Jennifer Rummel is working with the CSL to bring Linda Brawn to the state.
Region 1: Britta Santamauro The New Milford Public Library is pursuing their next step in their modernization program by obtaining architectural schematic designs, and will be holding focus groups in February. And finally after 5 months the elevator has been repaired which provides access to their program and meeting area. Woodbury Public Library is holding a discussion group for nine consecutive weeks on world affairs using the book *Great Decisions 2017* published by the Foreign Policy Association on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30. And the Watertown public library will host a Lecture on Beekeeping with the Humble Bee Honey company, on February 21, from 10:30-11:30 at their Oakville branch.

Region 2: Susan S. Ray Avon – February 7, at 6:30 pm the Library will be presenting the program Sweethearts at Sea with Amanda Goodheart Parks. Her lecture will focus on a remarkable couple—Captain John and Elizabeth Marble of Fall River, Massachusetts—using the letters and journals they left behind to tell their story who took to the sea together. Berlin Peck – February 25, 1:00 pm the Library presents the program This Business of Fighting: A Human Face on World War II, The letters of Lt Tony Pritchard, 1942-47, as performed by his son Arnie. Bloomfield Prosser – John T. Biggers - In this 75 minute video, watch a beautiful examination of the life and art of John T. Biggers. Gwen Lewis and Dolores Howard will explore the life of this muralist who came to prominence after the Harlem Renaissance and toward the end of WWII on February 10, at 1:30 pm. Bristol Public – The Library presents Meet Clo Pratt on February 11, at 1:00 pm. Join educator and performing artist Tammy Denease on a trip to colonial Connecticut, where you will learn about some of the events that led to freedom for the Colonies through the eyes of freedwoman Clo Pratt. Preceded by a short presentation from the Bristol NAACP. Burlington – Beat the Winter Blues on February 15, at 6:30 and learn strategies on how to prevent or overcome them in this workshop by JoAnne Harrison-Becker. Canton – On February 11, at 2:00 pm here will be singing, bagpiping and Highland dancing as Maggie Carchrie and Friends bring you over to Bonnie Scotland! To add to the celebration, the Callanish Scottish Dancers will also perform soft and hard shoe dancing.East Hartford – The Library has hired a new director, Sarah Kline Morgan. She previously worked at the Farmington Libraries, where she was Director of Branch & Children’s Services. Farmington – Spring is just around the corner and the Library will present Hummingbirds of the World on February 15, at 6:30 pm. Get into the spirit with spectacular images of hummingbirds from North, Central, and South America with naturalist John Root. Glastonbury Welles Turner – February 27, at 6:30 pm, the Library will present the program On the Paths of a Genius: Finding Frederick Law Olmsted in Connecticut. Join David K. Leff, author, poet and historian, as he recounts the fascinating story of Olmsted, America’s “father of landscape architecture.” Granby – The Library will present Chocolate Covered Wellness on February 14. Join certified herbalist Sara Thornton, owner and proprietor of Ravenswood Natural Health, for a delicious presentation. Hartford – Participate in a dialogue about the Declaration of Independence at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art on February 4 at 3:00 pm. The discussion will take place in the galleries of the special exhibition John Trumbull: Visualizing American Independence, which examines the Revolutionary War through the eyes of artists, most notably John Trumbull, the only American painter who witnessed the war and created a series devoted to the event. Against the backdrop of works of art that record and dramatize foundational moments in American history, including the signing of the Declaration of Independence, explore the significance of the document as a pillar of American sovereignty and constitutional principles. Manchester Mary Cheney – Longtime collaborators Jocelyn Pleasant and Lovette Caesar-Johnson will provide an exciting program of African drumming and dancing, drawing upon the rich rhythms and celebratory songs of West African cultures on February 11 at 10:30 am. Newington Lucy Robbins Welles – Will present a lecture on Helping Animals Deal with Stress, Trauma and Illness, February 15 at 6:30 pm. Maureen Ericson, an Herbalist & Holistic Pet Care Consultant, will be discussing natural remedies to help your animal deal with stress. Rocky Hill Cora Belden – Come learn about the practice of tapping, a healing
technique based on ancient Eastern medicine that can help relieve chronic pain, addiction, phobias, PTSD and physical ailments in this Introduction to Tapping with Lynn MacDonald session February 22, at 5:00 pm. Simsbury – Abigail Fisher Williamson will discuss the history of US immigration law, how today’s immigrants differ and are similar from immigrants of the early 20th century, and explain various proposals for immigration reform on February 13 at 6:30 pm. Southington – On February 18 at 10:00 am the Library will host the program Re-energizing relationships, with Melissa Ericksen-Salmon, author of Creating a Love that Lasts and Founder/Managing Member, A Balanced Life. In this 90 minute seminar, couples will learn how to rejuvenate and recharge their relationships.
Suffield Kent Memorial – February 8 at 2:00 pm Marty Podskoch will present information about The History, Lore & Legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camps in Connecticut. Mr. Podskoch will have copies of his book, “CONNECTICUT CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS CAMPS: THEIR HISTORY, MEMORIES & LEGACY” for sale. West Hartford – Will host an author talk with Jefferson A. Singer exploring the life and times of author Robert Louis Stevenson. His work, The Proper Pirate takes readers on a psychological journey from the writer’s religious and constricted upbringing to a life of imagination and wonder culminating in the South Seas island of Samoa. Windsor – Join others on February 9 at 6:30 to learn from Suzanne Urban, artist, illustrator, and creator from Smirking Goddess Studios, how to make Salt Dough Ornaments for lasting gifts and home décor. Windsor Locks – The Library will host author Christine Whitehead on February 15 at 6:30 pm. The evening will include a presentation by the author and discussion of mysteries and mystery reading.

aa. Region 3: Elizabeth Thornton Eastern Connecticut State University Pat Banach has retired. Bentley Memorial Library, Bolton Public Schools. Art Reception for local artist Joan Anderson was highly successful. The library will be offering several social media workshops for the public including Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest and Instagram. The senior van is scheduled to come to the library once a month for outings. The library and the senior center have a program to deliver materials to shut-ins of all ages. The library ran an adult coloring book session every week for several months. All supplies were provided to the participants.

bb. Scott Brill reported that he’s reviewing unpaid invoices. Next treasurer’s report will be in March.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51am. The motion was made by Carl Antonucci and seconded by Chris Angeli. It passed unanimously.


Minutes respectfully submitted by Sunnie Scarpa, Recording Secretary