

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting
April 6th, 2017
Middletown Library Service Center, Middletown
9:30 Coffee / 10:00 Business Meeting

1. Karen Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:04am.
2. Karen Jensen welcomed Trish Connolly, CLC's new office administrator, to the meeting.
3. The minutes from the March 2nd, 2017 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Carl Antonucci and Peter Ciparelli. It passed unanimously.
4. Old Business
 - a. President's Report – Karen Jensen thanked everyone for their advocacy activities. A special thank you to the libraries who attended CT Places advocacy day at the state capitol. End of the year reports will be due soon. These reports are meant to describe what committees and sections have done over the past year. Please have them submitted to Karen Jensen before the changeover meeting in June. Additionally, reports should include who's on your committee, who will be continuing, what spots need to be filled, etc. Any section or committee requesting money for next year should also submit completed budget forms to Scott Brill by May 15th. Forms will be on the website by next week. Ask Scott if you have any questions.
 - b. Treasurer's Report - Scott Brill summarized the current report which goes through February 17th. Revenue for the conference is beginning to come in. A motion to approve the report was made by Mary Etter, seconded by Richard Conroy, and passed unanimously.
5. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports:
 - a. ALA: Carl Antonucci thanked everyone for advocating for IMLS and LSTA. The efforts were successful in getting many house representatives to sign on to a letter of support. Carl and Mary Etter are working with the ALA national office and asked Karen Jensen to write a letter of thanks for their help.
 - b. Archivist: Gerald Seagrave has received reports from various sections and committees. He also got an archives question from a public library recently, but no information was found.
 - c. Awards: Christy Billings reported that award winners have been chosen and awards will be given out at the annual conference.
 - d. Career Development: Richard Conroy let us know they have a meeting on the 21st to determine scholarships recipients. Stop by the CLA booth at the conference for info on the leadership conference happening next year. A mentorship program is also planned at the conference and participation is encouraged. LION is looking for more candidates for their Executive Director position. Please encourage people to apply before next Friday.
 - e. CLC: Jennifer Keohane told us how busy CLC has been recently. They participated in CT Places advocacy day and those advocacy efforts have had a good impact. CLA conference prep has been keeping them busy and Trish outlined some of the issues coming up. There was a systems communication error that effected people registering during a specific time period. She's been working on fixing those issues. Expense forms now allow digital signatures, so they can be submitted more easily. Those forms go to Scott Brill, whose email address is on the form. Roundtables have been growing and Jennifer handed out a sheet with current listings.
 - f. Commission on Ed Tech: Colleen Baile reported that the committee held a meeting on March 6th. The new Director of the CEN Network has started and Colleen will be meeting with him to discuss the importance of libraries. The first round of fiber has started in 46 towns. There has been a lot of discussion about future funding options and the next meeting is in June.
 - g. CSL: Mary Etter let us know that Ken Wiggin was on NPR this morning. The CSL staff is participating in a WWI anniversary program with the Governor today.
 - h. College & University: Kristina Edwards reported that they are opening registration in mid-April for a half day workshop with CCALD, as well as a full day conference the next day.

Those will take place at Manchester Community College in June. The theme this year is active learning.

- i. Conference 2017: Kristina Edwards & Sara Martone reported that the conference brochure is nearly finished. They're extending the deadline for booking a hotel room at the conference rate. An email will be forthcoming highlighting the Thursday night escape room, Colin McEnroe, and other exciting conference features.
- j. Editorial: Jen Datum thanked Mary and Carl for their work on the letter writing campaign. She's been working with people in NY to set up Engage and tracking social media engagement, which has been great. The April newsletter will be out mid-April, please send news ASAP.
- k. Intellectual Freedom: Kara Gilbert is working on coordinating a privacy workshop in the fall. Their next meeting is on Monday.
- l. Legislative: Carl Antonucci & Mary Etter thanked everyone who wrote or called their representatives to support libraries. ALA sent them the last of their advocacy materials. Unfortunately, there was not as much to hand out as hoped for – interested region reps can take them back to their libraries today. If you spent money on stationary or postage during your letter writing campaigns, please give that info to Carl or Mary ASAP. May 1st and 2nd they'll be going to Washington, DC with President Elect/VP Glenn Grube. They're working on setting up appointments right now. There was an article regarding BorrowIt CT in yesterday's Hartford Courant and it was handed out to all CT legislators.
- m. Membership: Jen Datum gave a quick report that 13 or 14 people have already taken advantage of the new first time membership.
- n. NELA: Gail Hurley sent in a report stating that program proposals for NELA's annual conference in Burlington, VT are being accepted through April 30. The Conference Committee is especially looking for technology and tech services proposals. The conference is October 22-24. The New England Library Leadership Symposium (NELLS) is taking place August 14-18 at the Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center in North Andover, MA. Applications must be received by April 30. The conference proposal information and NELLS application are available online at nelib.org. Save the Date: NELA will be having a Diversity Summit this summer on July 26 at the Hadley Farms Meeting House in Hadley, MA. Loida Garcia-Febo is the keynote speaker. Mary added that there has been some confusion about the NELLS application, but both forms that are available online will be accepted. They are looking for suggestions for a CT mentor. Please discreetly give that information to Mary.
- o. PEG: Peter Ciparelli has money to give away!
- p. Publicity: Julie Ann Menders let us know the current library display will be at the Capitol building until April 15th.
- q. Procedures: Christine Angeli presented a recommendation for bylaws changes that will update the duties of regional reps from a semi-annual report to a monthly report and restrict candidate eligibility to one board position at a time. Feedback was welcomed, the membership will vote on changes at the annual meeting in May.
- r. Public Library: Lorna Rhyins told us that at their committee meeting on March 23rd they determined that the Passport program will run next year throughout the month of April.
- s. Resource Sharing: Stephen Cauffman brought flyers for the Futures Conference taking place on September 25 & 26th at the Borgata Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. If you have any questions contact Dawn LaValle.
- t. Technology: Gen Francis reported that their last meeting was snowed out. They are working on helping with the fiber program and will meet after June 30th.
- u. Young Adult: Jennifer Rummel reported there are only two spots left for their upcoming workshop with Linda Brawn.
- v. Region 2: Susan C. Ray reported that the West Hartford Public Library held its first How-To Festival on Saturday, March 25th and it was attended by nearly 3,000 people. Reminder that Farmington Libraries are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year and there are many great events. The Simsbury Public Library held its first ever Mini Maker Faire on

Saturday, April 1st and over 3,200 people came to their Library to view nearly 50 exhibitors.

- w. Region 5: Christy Billings
 - x. Region 6: Gale Bradbury Mystic and Noank Library - The Groton Town Council has recommended a \$61,000 reduction in funding for our library for FY2018, this represents a 33% decrease from the current year's level of \$183,394. Now on to the RTM. Ledyard is planning to host a mini maker faire this summer.
 - y. CLASS: Lorrie Goings reported that the steering committee met last week to discuss this year's conference, budget, and new officers. They are co-sponsoring two workshops at the CLA conference.
6. Karen Jensen adjourned the meeting at 11:01. The motion was made by Peter Ciparelli, seconded by Carl Antonucci, and passed unanimously.

Attendance: Sara Martone, Kristina Edwards, Chris Angeli, Richard Conroy, Jennifer Rummel, Mary Etter, Carl Antonucci, Peter Ciparelli, Gerald Seagrave, Lorna Rhyins, Susan Ray, Kara Gilbert, Colleen Bailie, Christy Billings, Gale Bradbury, Jennifer Keohane, Trish Palmer, Jennifer Datum, Kate Byroade, Karen Jensen, Scott Brill, Stephen Cauffman, Maria Bernier, Genevieve Francis, Glenn Grube, Lisa Gugliotti, Lorrie Goings, Carl Demilia, Sunnie Scarpa