

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting

June 1st, 2017

Avon Free Library, Avon

9:30 Coffee / 10:00 Business Meeting

1. Karen Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:05am. However, there was not a quorum of members, so no votes could be taken during these meeting.
2. Old Business
 - a. President's Report – Karen Jensen gave thanks to everyone for a great year, before passing the gavel to incoming president Glenn Grube.
3. New Business
 - a. Glenn let everyone know that he'll be on vacation during the August meeting, so the new member orientation and budget vote will take place the first Thursday in July and the August meeting will be canceled.
 - b. Gail Hurley gave an update regarding the NELA joint membership initiative that was approved in 2015.
4. Committee/Section Reports:
 - a. CLC: Jen Datum reported that their annual meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22nd 4-6pm in Wallingford at the Library Wine Bar & Bistro.
 - b. CSL: Ken Wiggin gave an update on the budget process, which is not finalized yet. BorrowIt and DeliverIT may see changes in the near future.
 - c. College & University: Kristina Edwards reported that registration for the InfoLit Conference will be closing soon.
 - d. CLASS: Lorrie Goings & Alberto Cifuentes. Jr. reported that they had a great year despite budget cuts, made a profit on the CLASS conference. The next conference will be held on Friday, October 27th. They are currently looking for new officers for the coming year.
 - e. Conference 2017: Kristina Edwards thanked everyone for providing feedback, lending projectors, and helping in other ways. Glenn gave everyone an update on the 2018 conference. They are in need of at least one new conference chair. The conference will be held at the Danbury Crown Plaza on April 23rd and 24th.
 - f. Customer Service: Ellen Cartledge-Janpol & Lisa Karim reported that their conference programs were very well received.
 - g. Editorial: Jen Datum reported on the conference wrap up issue of CLA Today. She reminded everyone to update their information on StarChapter. Please send People News and conference reports by the end of next week.
 - h. FOCL: Frank Ridley reported that their free annual meeting will take place on June 8th at Middlesex Community College at 9:30am.
 - i. Intellectual Freedom: Sam Lee just took over for Kara Gilbert and will look into hosting a workshop with the Library Freedom Project in the fall.
 - j. Legislative: Mary Etter reported on the legislative committees recent meetings in Washington, DC. She thanked everyone who contacted their legislators in support of library funding.
 - k. Membership: Thomas Piezzo updated everyone on the new member rate. So far 31 people have registered with this new rate. New membership meetups are planned for each region. Region 2 will meet in Simsbury on June 16th. The membership booth /lounge at CLA was successful and will be utilized again next year. NELA reciprocity will not work for institutional memberships.
 - l. NELA: Gail Hurley let us know there will be a NELA diversity summit on July 16th in Hadley, MA. Registration is now open. The annual NELA conference is in October in Burlington, VT and more information will be available soon. The NELA mentorship program is ongoing, information is on their website. The slate of new officers will be out soon for a vote. NELS applications have been submitted and letters of acceptance will come out within the next week.

- m. PEG: Peter Ciparelli let everyone know that they helped four CLA members this year. Scholarships are available for NELLS.
- n. Technical Services: Laurie Haggan & Gail Hurley were pleased with the turnout for their programs at the annual conference.
- o. Technology: Gen Francis reported that the LION and Bibliomation consortiums are working hard to switch everyone over to fiber or cable for their internet service.
- p. Region 6: Gale Bradbury Groton - The fifteenth annual "One Book, One Region" kickoff will take place on Wednesday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the CURE Innovation Commons, 93 Shennecossett Rd, Groton, CT. The 2017 "one book," Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi, will be introduced to the audience at the event through video clips and a presentation by Connecticut College Professor of History Henryatta Ballah who will provide historical context for the novel. Refreshments will be served. Yaa Gyasi's debut novel traces the impact of the slave trade through generations of a single family and illuminates slavery's horrific legacy and the impacts on those who were enslaved and those who were not. Book discussions and programs are planned at libraries throughout the summer. Homegoing has also been chosen for the Connecticut College Summer Read program and the College has sent the book to all incoming first year students. Yaa Gyasi will appear at Connecticut College's Palmer Auditorium on September 27, at 7:00 p.m. Waterford - Jennifer Smith has joined the Waterford Public Library in the position of Children's Services Department Head. A Connecticut native Jennifer received her Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Rhode Island and most recently worked as the assistant children's librarian at the Wayland Free Public Library in Wayland, Massachusetts.
- q. Glenn Grube adjourned the meeting at 11:01am.

Attendance: Danielle Valenzano, Gerald Seagrave, Elizabeth Thornton, Kristina Edwards, Julie Styles, Tom Piezzo, Mary Etter, Beth Crowley, Jennifer Datum, Kate Byroade, Glenn Grube, Scott Brill, Karen Jensen, Ellen Janpol, Lisa Karim, Gale Bradbury, Genevieve Francis, Lorrie Goings, Peter Ciparelli, Ken Wiggin, Frank W. Ridley, Laurie Haggan, Gail Hurley, Alberto Cifuentes, Jr., Samantha Lee