

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting
February 7th, 2019
Middletown Library Service Center, Middletown
9:30am Coffee/10:00am Business Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** President Kate Byroade called the meeting to order at 10:03am.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. January 3rd, 2019 meeting minutes: A **motion** to approve the January 3rd, 2019 minutes was made by Lisa Karim and **seconded** by Carl Antonucci with the following corrections:
Item 3.b. should read: "...current treasurer to the new one."
Region 6 report should read: "...and the Bill library in Ledyard will be having paint classes."
The motion was **approved by majority. Motion passed.** Richard Conroy abstained.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **President's Report-Kate Byroade**
 - i. **ALA Mid-Winter:** Kate and Glenn attended the conference as well as several other board members. Kate and Glenn attended the chapter leader's forum and shared some highlights. There will be a legislative fly-in in February that Ramona and Carl will attend. There won't be a legislative day in May since ALA is in June and will be held in DC. Advocacy bootcamps are on hiatus. In L.A., the unified school district strike included the union wanting school librarians of which 89 will now be funded. IMLS got additional money but not in the grant program. Glenn added that he attended a great program about recruiting chapter members. A suggestion was to create an air of exclusivity among members and to focus on people interested in furthering the profession. Another suggestion was to include a specific number of memberships that could be assigned to library members for libraries paying for institutional membership.
 - ii. **Census 2020:** Kate attended a kickoff at the State Capitol and the lieutenant governor gave a shout out to libraries. The 202 Census will be totally online. There will be a census kickoff event at the CLA Conference and training and resources will be developed and made available to libraries. Kate received a call from someone asking if the library would be interested in hosting census worker training.
 - iii. **CASL:** Kate met with the current CASL president and she expressed interest in developing a connection with CLA. Michelle Eligio, a member of the Advocacy/Public Relations team is sitting in on today's meeting via conference call. CASL wants to develop this relationship since many districts are reinventing their libraries with an expanded focus.
 - b. **Treasurer's Report-Kristina Edwards:** Kristina talked about planning for next year's budget season and that, to have time for discussions that will need to take place before voting on the budget, the timeline will be different. She has been revising the budget request form and will send it out soon so that the completed forms can be returned by March 15th. She hopes to have received them all by March 27th so that she can integrate the information into the proposed budget. She has started working on the preliminary budget to get fully acquainted with all aspects and to be able to intelligently design the budget as CLA moves forward. Kristina would like to change the timeline of the budget approval to ensure a quorum so that it is in place for July 1st. CLA can then focus on activities to bolster our financial cushion. Jennifer K. reminded members that program expense details are available from CLC. Kristina stated that she can explain the budget reports to anyone that needs it. She has been amazed at the work Tracey at CLC has been doing and shared that it is much appreciated. Carl asked if any negotiations have been conducted with lobbying firm and Kate responded that their contract is not expiring until the fall. Kristina announced that contracts will be reviewed before being approved.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **CLA 2019 Nominees:** Glenn shared that he has a great slate of officers to put forward and asked for a motion for approval. An opportunity to petition for candidates to be added to the slate still exists. A **motion** to approve the slate of officers was made by Lisa Karim and **seconded** by Susan Ray and was

unanimously approved. Motion passed. Jen D. reminded members that the candidates will be voted on at Annual.

Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports:

ACLB: Denise Stankovics: Denise shared that their big project has been revising the manual link on website. She encouraged board members to have their library boards read the manual and encouraged directors to read the manual as well. Denise reminded everyone that a board basics program is available.

ADA: Maria Bernier: Absent

ACLPD: Ramona Burkey: None

ALA: Erin Shea: Erin shared that she attended ALA Mid-Winter and while there, attended ALA Council. Some discussion focused on changes in policies and eliminating fines. A code of conduct discussion about Council Forum meetings took place after one councilor violated the code of conduct when speaking to another councilor. One outcome of the discussion is that there will be some training, the council president sent out an email about the incident and a level of transparency will be created. The gender identity resolution passed and the meeting room policy passed with new language.

Archivist: Gerald Seagrave: None

Awards: Region Reps: Geri Diorio announced that award nominations will be voted on by mid-February.

BCALA: Vivian Bordeaux & Robert Kinney: Vivian explained that the black caucus is trying to increase equity, diversity, and inclusion and encouraged everyone to keep it in mind as CLA moves forward. ALA councilors need to be trained and there is more to the story than one might see and should be viewed through more than one lens. Vivian expressed appreciation for everyone's votes for her in this position and feels that the profession is very important. She feels there is a need to move forward and embrace equity, diversity, and inclusion to make sure those that follow are trained to carry on and be passionate about providing services for the community. The caucus was at the Peabody Museum to celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday. At the event, Vivian passed out free books and asked if recipients had library cards. She is excited that Bridgeport has opened a new location which held their grand opening on February 1st. They are celebrating black history month and put out a chair in honor of Rosa Parks.

Career Development: Richard Conroy & Laura Horn: Richard announced that the next meeting will be February 15th. The committee has been receiving scholarship applications and encouraged people to continue to apply until March 1st. The next meeting will focus on discussing salary guidelines and talking about the Leadership Institute. Richard announced that applications are being accepted for Essex Library director until March 1st.

CLA Lobbyist: Gallo & Robinson: Absent Carl explained that they want to call into the legislative meeting.

CLC: Jennifer Keohane: Jennifer stated that they have a lot things going on and they just wrapped up the renewal process. Some new members include school district areas. The Goodspeed Opera will be doing "Because of Winn Dixie" so CLC is working to have librarians attend a rehearsal and other events, inviting the dog and dog handler to attend library events, and offer discount tickets to performances. This year Book EXPO will not be offering a ticket discount but CLC is ironing out the details for 2 buses to the EXPO which will include swag and a special event. BookCon will not have a special discount. Scholastic renewals are underway and new products will be announced this month.

Commission on Ed Tech: Colleen Bailie: None

CSL: Ken Wiggin: Ken and Dawn attended the Bridgeport library opening, and there is another branch underway. The new branch was a quick project which reused an old store. The State library is involved with the Grow with Google project which is holding all day workshops throughout the state and they have been invited to introduce the governor at one event.

Children's: Kari Hamad & Alison Murphy: Absent Danielle Valenzano announced that they are still taking nominations for the Faith Hektoen award and are due by February 18th. The award recognizes career achievement or an outstanding project.

College & University: Jenn Nolte: None

CLASS: Carolann Slayton & Samantha Partney: Carolann shared that they will be meeting soon to plan for the next conference. She asked for ideas on presenters and stated that the event brought in \$2,400 in profit for an event attended by 60 people.

Conference 2019: Amanda Brouwer & Jennifer Rummel: Jennifer stated that conference planning is moving forward, a tentative schedule will be posted soon, and registration will also be opening. Jennifer K. reminded members that if anyone is unsure of their membership status, please check before trying to register for CLA.

CT Center for the Book: Lisa Comstock: Lisa asked if anyone is aware of literary landmarks in the state to connect to the CT Humanities trail. Carl stated that CCSU is one.

Customer Service: Ellen Janpol & Shelly Holley: Absent

Development & Planning: vacant

FOCL: Frank Ridley: Frank is holding a fundraising expo on March 23rd at University of Hartford. It is a free event, but registration is required. The deadline for submissions of awards is April 19th. Information was mailed out earlier this week. Frank shared that the Meriden Public Library will have 9 retirements between now and June.

Grants: vacant

Intellectual Freedom: Sam Lee: Sam will be attending the quarterly State of the State of February 20th. They will be discussing ongoing trends. Sam received an email about gaming on children's computers and adding filters. The Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy is interested in contributors to write book reviews, commentaries, feature articles. Kate announced that Sam offered to pay the membership to the Freedom to Read Foundation and Kate read a thank you note to Sam.

Legislative: Carl Antonucci & Mary Etter: Carl announced that the meeting will take place after the board meeting and thanked Jen for working on the webpage.

Membership: Thomas Piezzo: Tom is prepping for the conference and they are selecting the giveaways. He hasn't been able to recruit more members for videos. Tom would like to hold another meeting before the conference but there will be a table at the conference which usually serves as an information table for attendees. Tom expressed interest in Glenn's comments from Mid-Winter about targeting specific people. Tom shared information about a request for membership from a non-library professional and proposed offering organizational support memberships.

NELA: Christy Billings: Absent

Newsletter/Website Editor: Jen Datum: Jen has been working with Carl and the conference planning committee. She asked for members to send people news and announced that the newsletter will be coming out next week. She is looking for TYCTTLD photos and asked for libraries to select one picture with a caption to submit.

PEG: Peter Ciparelli: Absent

Publicity & Communications: Leah Farrell & Francie Berger: Leah stated that the tagline survey was sent out and 77 responses have been received so far. The publicity award submissions are in and judging will occur on March 1st. An email will go out on March 2nd notifying the winners. Leah announced that she can still do videos either after today's meeting or over the next few weeks in Farmington.

Procedures: Danielle Valenzano: None

Public Library: Maria Zervos: None

Reference & Adult Services: Matt Earls: None

Resource Sharing: Steve Cauffman: None

SCSU: Arlene Bielefield: Arlene is preparing their 1st annual progress report and will be completed by March 1st.

Technical Services: Jackie Toce & Dana Hanford: None

Technology: Genevieve Francis: Gen announced that CEN is having their conference on May 10th with early bird ending on March 1st. Tickets start at \$65 for early bird and increase by \$20 after March 1st. The conference will be held at the CT Convention Center.

Young Adult: Brittany Pearson & Alyssa Skorski: None

Region 1: Matt Yanarella: Matt reported that the entire region is holding lots of TYCTTLD programs. The Silas Bronson library made over their teen area and business center. The Carey Boys will be performing for St. Patrick's Day programs. The New Milford library project is moving forward and they are now in a temporary location.

Region 2: Susan C. Ray: Susan reported that libraries are holding tax, Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, Black History month programs. South Windsor library will be having a Mardi Gras program, Avon will be holding a Zora Neale Hurston program, and the Berlin Peck Memorial library will be celebrating kindness month in February by creating a kindness quilt.

Region 3: Leslie McDonough: Leslie reported that libraries are hopeful about budgets and are waiting for the governor's proposal. Library staff are participating in training for Narcan.

Region 4: Geri Diorio: Geri reported that the Fairfield Library opened 2 days ahead of schedule, Brookfield Library hosted a mid-term exam study week for high school students and were open on MLK day and offered roving tutors and therapy dogs. Norwalk Library is working with CT Public Broadcasting on a media center and is the second joint facility of this nature in the U.S. New Canaan has a new teen librarian and another staff member. Stratford Library will be migrating to KOHA on June 10th.

Region 5: Chris Hemmingway: Absent

Region 6: Gale Bradbury: None

5. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 11:01am was made by Glenn Grube and **seconded** by Carl Antonucci and was ***unanimously approved. Motion passed.***

Present: Kate Byroade, Lisa Karim, Glenn Grube, Kristina Edwards, Cathy Potter, Erin Shea, Matthew Yanarella, Susan Ray, Leslie McDonough, Geri Diorio, Gale Bradbury, Jenn Nolte, Carolann Slayton, Maria Zervos, Matt Earls, Steve Cauffman, Jackie Toce, Genevieve Francis, Richard Conroy, Jennifer Rummel, Jen Datum, Sam Lee, Carl Antonucci, Tom Piezzo, Danielle Valenzano, Leah Farrell, Denise Stankovics, Ramona Burkey, Gerald Seagrave, Vivian Bordeaux, Jennifer Keohane, Colleen Bailie, Ken Wiggin, Frank Ridley, Arlene Bielefield, Lisa Comstock