CONNECTICUT LIBRARY CONSORTIUM
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY SERVICE CENTER
APRIL 25, 2019
Approved May 16, 2019

Present: Marian Amodeo, Carol Ansel, Randi Ashton-Pritting, Sarah Briggs, Kate Byroade, Letitia Cotto, Jane Fisher, Mary Hogan, Veronica Kenausis, Ellen Paul, Sue Prince, Marie Shaw, Sally Tornow, Priscilla Ubysz, Ken Wiggin, Janice Wilson, Dawn LaValle, Jennifer Keohane

Absent/Excused: Joan Overfield (excused)

Chair Sarah Briggs called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Chair’s Report: Sarah mentioned that there will be two Board positions to fill as Jane and Randi are both at the end of their second terms. She also noted that Veronica will be chairing the new Consultants Pool Taskforce.

Approval of Minutes: Sally moved, and Jane seconded that the minutes from March be accepted, motion approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

Written report from Joan Overfield. The March financial report reflects the end of the 3rd Quarter and the income and expenditures are in line with where we should be at this point in the fiscal year.

Executive Director’s Report: Jennifer told us that her team is ready for the CLA conference, with their booth all planned and their Advocacy Bootcamp presentation ready. Things are all set in terms of CLC’s administrative role in the conference as well. The three largest CLC bid contracts are due to expire this summer, but they can be renewed for another year. The attorney has said that CLC can execute the right to renew and put forward changes in the language. The CLC offices are shifting to a new computer support group. A vendor mailing has gone out marketing the new a la carte services/fees.

Committee and Other Group Reports:

Advocacy – Ellen Paul reported that the Advocacy Bootcamp presentation at CLA conference is ready to go.

Bylaws – Written report from Marie Shaw: While the Bylaws Committee has not met, information has been shared during the past month. While the goal of the Committee is to present changes to membership at the annual meeting on June 6th, at this time it is uncertain if we will be ready to do so. It is hoped that another meeting can take place in the next week or so.

Dues – no report

Personnel – no report

Strategic Plan – no report
Consultants Pool – written report from Veronica Kenausis: The committee has its initial meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019 to review the committee charge, examine local, regional, and national models/examples, brainstorm services, and draft a workplan.

There were no other oral reports.

CLA -- Kate invited anyone who will be at the conference Sunday evening to come to a President’s Welcome reception in her suite at the hotel between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Connecticut State Library – Ken Wiggin – Ken reported that the library rally at the State House was not well-attended. A draft budget is due out soon.

ACLPD – Dawn LaValle had a hand-out detailing all of the programs that DLD has been involved in. Her staff members presented to the ACLPD committee as well, detailing individual projects. Course attendance has been up. A new Resource Sharing Committee has been formed, and information has been shared with colleagues in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

CASL – Spring Fling is happening tonight.

CCALD – written report from Randi Ashton-Pritting: The April 5, 2019 CCALD meeting was held at the University of Hartford and was sponsored by ProQuest. The event was open to academic institutions both within Connecticut and western Mass. The Academics are talking about shared collection development and floating collections. The June 7, 2019 CCALD meeting will be at the US Coast Guard Academy and the discussion is on diversity within the library field.

SLA – no report

New business:

Jennifer reported that she presented a draft budget to the Executive Committee and it was approved. She will continue to work on it and send it by email for further commentary/questions. While some of the new initiatives (e.g., vendor marketing fees, consultant pool) are included in the budget, in general Jennifer has been conservative in her budgeting. Personnel expenses and professional development costs will increase with the full staffing of the office. It looks as if $32,000 will need to be drawn from reserves.

Member News:

Kate: There will be a census kick-off at the CLA conference Tuesday afternoon.

Marie: A Three Rivers student is doing an internship overseeing cooperative efforts among school and public librarians. Marie received very positive feedback from the librarian at the Goodspeed Opera House about CLC’s role in promoting their student essay contest and special library event built around Goodspeed’s upcoming production of *Because of Winn Dixie*.

Ellen: Repair work has begun on the roof of her library.

There being no other business, Sally motioned, and Ellen seconded for adjournment at 2:53.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol M. Ansel
Secretary