Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 2 pm  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Minutes  
Approved 4/27/2023

1. **Call to Order** – Kim McNally  
Kim McNally called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

2. **Chair Report** – Kim McNally  
No report.

3. **Approval of February Minutes** – Kim McNally  
Linda Robinson motioned to approve minutes from February 23, 2023 meeting. Beth Dominianni seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Katie Bauer  
Kim McNally read Katie Bauer’s report into the minutes.

“The main impact in the CLC budget in February was that most of the vendor fees were submitted to CLC (all were due, but some were late). The extremely good news is that the half-year fees from vendor sales exceeded expectations. Hoopla ($16,000), Follett ($23,000), and Demco ($12,500) all did very well. Baker and Taylor was a bit low at $63,000. Overall, based on these results We expect full year results will come in at $254,000 instead of the budgeted $228,000. (See line for 4500 Discounted Products Income).

In expenses, we will be billed soon for the services of the auditor, and that will be higher ($15,000 instead of $5,400) than was budgeted. That will show next month in 7300 Professional Services.

February has a small operating deficit of $4,906, and we still expect a deficit this year ($88,806).

Overall, the diversification of product sales is proving to be a success, and CLC is still adding more products like office supplies. This should help sales for the remainder of this year. With more products still being added next year’s results should be even better.”

Ellen added she does not expect the deficit to be $88,000, she feels it will be lower.

5. **Executive Director Report** – Ellen Paul  
Closing membership renewal. We lost some small institutions. CLC has over 950 members. There has been a lot of work around advocacy with CLC, CLA and the State Library working together. Monitoring the sanctuary libraries and submitting new language to the committee and legislators. Ellen attended the ALA Congressional Fly-In meeting in DC and met with legislators. She has been asked to work with ‘March for Libraries’, an initiative of Library Futures, Everylibrary, and Internet Archive to talk on federal level about digital rights management. This week CLC launched the Consultants Directory to consultants for sign up. We are hoping to launch to members late April/early May. CLC is getting ready for the CLA conference and will be reprising the big checks campaign. Ellen will be introducing John Chrastka, keynote speaker on Tuesday. The CLC program on Tuesday, “Working With Consultants; What They Didn’t Teach You In Library School” – John Chrastka, Maureen Sullivan and Maxine Bleiweis on the panel. CLC is exploring and finalizing a

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partnership with EANE to provide HR hotline to members. Potential launch is July 2023.

Bids have been received for supplies.

6. **Report from the State Librarian** – Deborah Schander
   The State Library has been meeting with legislative committees over the last several weeks to discuss the agency’s FY24-25 budget. Discussions center around a proposed inflation increase to support the Statewide Digital Library appropriation and proposed bonding support for a renovation of the Middletown Library Service Center as well as more general conversations about the Connecticut Library for Accessible Books and support for school and public libraries. Biennial budget negotiations between the legislature and the Governor office will continue over the next several months. On March 13, a Colt Whitneyville-Walker revolver stolen from the Museum of Connecticut History in 1971 was repatriated to the State Library after years of effort on the part of federal and state law enforcement officials working on behalf of 16 different cultural institutions who had objects stolen. Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz provided introductory remarks for the State Library’s Third Thursday program on March 16. The program featured a speaker from the CT Women’s Hall of Fame discussing the roles women throughout our state’s history have worked for social justice.

7. **New Business**
   a. **Dues Committee Proposal** – Veronica Kenausis (See Agenda Report)
      Veronica presented the proposal to raise dues 5%. No discussion or questions. Ellen thanked the committee for their time and input. This increase compliments other financial goals. Board will review the proposal for a vote at the April meeting.

8. **Old Business**
   a. Other Committee Reports (as needed)
      Finance Committee – Katie Bauer
      Nominating Committee – Jason Pannone
      • Ellen reported the Nominating Committee has approached individuals to determine their interest to join the board. Slate of candidates should be ready to present at the April meeting. CLC will be doing a general call out for CLC members to apply for board membership.
      Personnel Committee – Sally Tornow
      • They will be meeting in April.
      Bids Committee – Audra MacLaren (no report)
      Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee – Carrie Seiden (no report)

9. **Library News and Updates** – All Board members
   a. **Library Groups** – reports from liaisons
      • DLD – Dawn LaValle
      CLA Conference, DLD’s signature sponsored program will be The Giant Room – Dr. Azi Jamalian, Azi is a trained systems engineer with a Ph.D. in cognitive science in education has always been interested in the integration of technology and learning. She co-founded Tiggly, an early learning company that pioneered the integration of physical play with digital applications, to provide a rich and interactive learning experience for children. She then was the head of education strategy for littleBits. Through The GIANT Room, an innovation hub, she and her team give children the opportunity and community support they need to act on their most ambitious dreams. Jamalian will present a framework for designing learning platforms for children, taking advantage of
emerging educational tech, and utilizing game design, mathematical education, and cognition

CLA Conference exhibits – DLD sponsoring CT Libraries and Partners for Digital Equity, CT Digital Newspaper Project and CT Library for Accessible Books/MLSC

CT Digital Library Palace App, 116 libraries live, most of content for Palace has perpetual licenses from DPLA.

CT Digital Equity Plan Core planning team with Dawn La Valle representing CT libraries, is working with UCONN to develop surveys and focus groups with the intent of seeking input from state agencies, and organizations who serve the covered population in the DEA plan, Dawn will be reaching out to libraries as possible locations for these groups. Money from DEA for digital navigator projects will be allocated through the State Library to public libraries.

A new collection of adult and young adult nonfiction book discussion sets called Experiencing America are available to borrow free from the Middletown Library Service Center.

- CASL – Jillian Woychowski (attached)
  CASL annual meeting is June 1st at 5:30 pm, Elizabeth’s in Rocky Hill. West Haven BOE will have two openings for elementary school library media specialists.

- CCALD – Veronica Kenausis
  CCLAD has had its final meeting for the year. It focused on the value of academic libraries how to access and measure. Looking for a new slate of officers for fall.

- CSCU- Veronica Kenausis
  Currently in a quiet period, the council of library directors will be meeting tomorrow (3/24).

- CLA – Doug Lord
  Added to Ellen and Deborah’s push on eBook pricing. This really has traction and is going well. CLA annual meeting is the end of April beginning of May. Ellen added that lots of CLC vendors will be attending.

- ACLPD – Dawn LaValle (no report)
- FOCLCT- no liaison
- SLA – no liaison

b. Board & Library Community News
Kim reported Berlin-Peck is getting new carpet and paint.
Sally went to the New Milford Public Library reopening – it is gorgeous.
Matt sent a shout out to Julie Yulo-Medeiros who came and presented to PD day for high school librarians. She was wonderful.

10. Motion to adjourn
Sally Tornow motioned to adjourn. Matt Cadorette seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

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