

Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML)
Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting
Saturday, June 6, 2009 ~ 10:00 a.m.
West County Area Library, Anne Arundel County
Odenton, MD 21113

Attendance

Board Members: Nancy Aldous, Margaret Carty, Ann Dahl, Judith Ferro, Pat Fisher Steve Labash, Irene Padilla, Maurice Rindskopf, Patricia Turner, Lynn Wheeler, Lisa B. Williams, Bill Wilson; **Guest:** Sylvia B. Dodd; **Staff:** Mary Mallery

Call to Order

President Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and requested a re-ordering of the agenda to first discuss the Citizens for Maryland Libraries' (CML) mission and vision statements. The board concurred.

Copies of the current CML membership brochure and document, "Draft Mission Statement Revision for June 6, 2009 Review" were distributed. Open discussion ensued. Fisher requested each board member forward suggested revisions to the mission and vision statements to Ferro.

The board agreed on two goals for the coming year: (1) to increase membership and (2) to increase awareness of CML. Fisher requested each committee submit to Ferro two measurable objectives for each goal.

At 10:45 a.m., the meeting continued with the regular order of business.

MINUTES

There was one correction to the minutes: on page 5, second paragraph, first sentence should read: Wheeler has felt the need for such training. A motion was made (Wheeler) and seconded (Turner) that the minutes be accepted. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed. Rindskopf noted the balance of \$19,851, which will be reduced to \$18,500 after current outstanding obligations are satisfied.

A motion was made (Wheeler) and seconded (Dahl) that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

Mallery distributed copies of the "Income/Budget/Expenditures Comparisons for 2009" statement, as of May 31, 2009.

There was discussion regarding the board's decision at the April meeting to spend up to \$7,000 for the 2009 CML annual meeting. Daria Perry will be asked to compile an historical analysis of income/expenses relative to the annual meeting.

A motion was made (Wheeler) and seconded (Aldous) that CML fund one-half (\$267.00) of the Maryland Association of Counties' meeting booth registration from the undesignated fund balance. The motion carried.

President's Report

Fisher represented CML on a panel discussion during the Maryland Library Association's annual meeting, May 13-15. Ruth Showalter received, posthumously, the Satterthwaite Award. It will be presented again at the CML annual meeting later this year. Craig Abresch, Assistant Director of the Eastern Shore Regional Library received the CML Davis McCarn Award.

Fisher met with Jim Fish and David Goldsmith regarding "friends and trustees" possibly becoming one "division" within CML.

Fisher will submit a written report at a later date.

Executive Director's Report

Copies of Mallery's report were distributed. Current membership statistics were noted: 58 individual members; 16 friends group members and 126 library members (directors and individual trustees).

Report from Division of Library Development and Services

Padilla updated the board on the proposed \$600,000 reduction in the division's budget and the programs, services and staffing that will be impacted.

Standing Committees

Annual Meeting

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped will be considered for CML's annual meeting.

Legislative

Rindskopf reported on the meeting of the legislative panel. Mary Baykan is the new chair. Capwiz will continue to be available for CML's use to contact state officials regarding pending legislation during the Maryland General Assembly. Copies of promotional materials for the Anne Arundel County Library and Foundation were circulated as examples of what CML may wish to consider developing.

Website

Fisher reported that changes have been made to the website. Bob Koontz will continue to work on reconfiguration of the site. The board was requested to review the website periodically and to report recommendations. Dahl submitted a written critique of the website for the committee's consideration.

Newsletter

The newsletter was available for the Maryland Library Association's annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Revision Committee Report

Williams distributed an outline of the articles of the bylaws and a draft of the proposed changes. Comments and proposed revisions should be directed to Williams.

Library Buildings Flash Drives (distribution letter)

Mallery reported that the letter to accompany the flash drives was ready for mailing.

Learning How To Learn Online (LHTLOL)

To date, four people have been trained. It was noted that this may be a good medium for committee meetings and legislative training. Another suggestion was to incorporate a demonstration of LHTOL at CML's annual meeting.

Other Old Business

There was no business to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Members' Biographies

It was suggested that each issue of the newsletter feature a brief biographical statement of a board member.

Library Dues Structure

There was discussion regarding "individual" vs "friends" memberships. The board will revisit this issue at a later time. Mallery distributed copies of the formula used to determine CML dues for the library systems.

Other New Business

Ann Dahl shared her report of the regional friends meeting held in Rockville on May 9, 2009.

Senator Nancy Jacobs sent a letter of thanks for the CML mailing that included the flash drive.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Perry Hall Library, Baltimore County.

ADJOURN

As there was no additional business, Fisher adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lisa B. Williams, In the Absence of the Secretary

Attachments: Draft Mission Statement Revision
Treasurer's Report
Income/Budget/Expenditures Comparisons
Executive Director's Report
CML Library Sustaining Membership Formula for FY 2009-2010
Outline and Draft Revised Bylaws
Report of Regional Friends Workshop ~ May 9, 2009