

Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML)
Board of Director's Meeting
Saturday, September 19, 2009
East Columbia Branch Library, Howard County
Columbia, MD
(approved as revised Jan 23, 2010)

Attendance

Board Members: Nancy Aldous, Margaret Carty, Ann Dahl, Pat Fisher, Ted Haas, Michael Osborne, Nettie Taylor, J. Maurice Travillian, J. Linda Williams, Lisa B. Williams, Bill Wilson. **Guests:** Daria Parry (for Irene Padilla), Sylvia Dodd. **Staff:** Mary Mallery.

Call to Order

President Pat Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. The Board welcomed Michael Osborne to the meeting, who thanked everyone for their support in the past. President Fisher circulated a card for board member David Goldsmith who was recovering from recent surgery.

Minutes

There was one correction to the minutes on page 2 – correcting the spelling of Bob Kuntz' name. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Bill Wilson, seconded by Nancy Aldous. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Reports

Annual Meeting

Nancy Aldous reported that the annual meeting would take place on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at the Radisson Cross Keys on Falls Road. The agenda and invitation were handed out. Some revisions were made to the agenda to include the name of the Award winners and “brunch” to “lunch”. Voting on the officers and the Bylaws revisions will also be added to the agenda. The information will be sent out 30 days prior to the meetings to members. . The speaker will be Johnny Heller, a narrator for recorded books.

Treasurer's Report

The report was given by Mary Mallery in the absence of Treasurer Maurice Rindskopf. Copies of the report were handed out. The balance as of September 19, 2009 was \$26,431.70. A motion was made by Nancy Aldous and seconded by Ted Haas to approve the report as presented. The motion passed.

Executive Director's Report

Copies of the Executive Director Mary Mallery's report were distributed. As of August 31, CML has 57 individual members, 16 Friends group members, and 168 Library members, for a total of 221 members. There was discussion on ways to increase membership and a need to look at the dues structure. These will be looked at by the Marketing and Bylaws Committees and if appropriate, written into their goals.

Nancy Aldous requested a letter be sent to Judith Ferro for her work on the Mission, Vision and Goal statement with regret that she is no longer on the Board. President Pat Fisher agreed to send a letter.

Division of Library Development and Services

Daria Perry reported in the absence of Irene Padilla. DLDS has applied for a competitive grant for stimulus money and they hope to hear in November. A handout was provided for Libraries without Walls (Libraries WOW!) that explained the proposal. Stacy Aldrich, formerly at DLDS, is now the acting state librarian in California.

Standing Committees

Legislative

The MLA Legislative Panel continues to offer training on Advocacy and CapWiz. CML could advertise this on our website. The CML Legislative Committee needs to define our role in committee objectives. The two Advocacy Awards that CML set up need to have established criteria for CML to award these to a member. President Fisher will check to see who agreed to do this.

Newsletter

The newsletter is ready for the annual meeting – but the awards criteria should be developed ASAP so it can be put in the newsletter.

Website

Bob Kuntz will be sending a log regarding the hits on the website, and what was being looked at. Bob will continue to post material. We need to put our meetings on the MLA calendar. Each member of the Board should take the responsibility of going to the website before the next meeting to make sure all information is correct and make any suggestions for revisions, etc.

Old Business

Bylaws Committee

Lisa Williams passed out the proposed revisions to the CML Bylaws. She asked that Board members send her any revisions or comments in writing, which she will take back to the committee. She will get the final copy to Mary by October 1 to be sent to the membership prior to the annual meeting.

Nominating Committee

The committee needs to finalize the nominees so they can be on the slate and voted on at the **November** meeting. There are four officers to be on the ballot – President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The final nominees for officers are: President, Pat Fisher; Vice President, Ann Dahl; Secretary, J. Linda Williams; and Treasurer, Maurice Rindskoph. .

Mission, Vision, Goals Committee

After a brief discussion of the new Mission, vision and goals statement which included a question on how the goal would be measured, they were adopted unanimously by the Board.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee shared three objectives that support the goals. The committee needs to work on promotional materials for CML. They will also identify measurable objectives to meet the goals.

Training

Lynn Wheeler will take care of scheduling training for CML Board members in regards to testifying at hearings.

Board Members

Please be sure your information is correct. Ann Dahl will make any needed changes. It was suggested a new member be interviewed and highlighted on the website.

New Business

Michael Rindskopf forwards legislative information and reports to the Board. If you do not want to receive these, please let him know individually.

Now that we have adopted the mission, vision and goals, each of the committees need to develop measurable objectives and strategies to meet those goals, to identify what we what to do and how we plan to accomplish it.

Awareness of CML needs to be increased before we can increase membership. A new brochure describing what we really do should be developed. One of the results that came out of the First White House conference on Libraries was that each state should have an organization that informs citizens about libraries. What is available is published mostly by lobbying groups. There was a discussion of ways we could make citizens aware.

Membership dues structure was discussed and will be examined and brought back to the Board.

The meeting dates for the next year were announced. January 23, March 6, June 12, September 11.

Lisa Williams moved and Nettie Taylor seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully Submitted
J. Linda Williams, Secretary

