

Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML)
Board of Director's Meeting
Saturday, September 18, 2010
Laurel Branch Library – Prince George's County
Laurel, MD

Attendance

Board Members: Nancy Aldous, Margaret Carty, Pat Fisher, Ted Haas, Steve LaBash, Maurice Rindskopf, Nettie B. Taylor, J. Maurice Travillion, Pat Turner, Lynn Wheeler, J. Linda Williams, Lisa B. Williams, Bill Wilson. **Staff:** Nini Beegan.

Guests: Mary Mallery, Sylvia Betts Dodd.

Executive Session

Prior to the full Board meeting there was a closed executive session, at which Board member Lisa Williams resigned from the Board.

This time was also used to recognize Mary Mallery and her years of service to CML.

Call to Order

President Pat Fisher called the full Board meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Introduction of New Executive Director

President Pat Fisher introduced Nini Beegan to the CML Board. Nini won the McCarn Award and works for DLDS. During the week, she will be available by phone between 4:00 and 7:00 PM and on Saturday from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. She is available by email at anytime and will respond in 24 to 48 hours. The Board unanimously welcomed her to her new position.

Minutes

Corrections to the June 12, 2010 Board minutes: Under guests "Regina Dodd" was corrected to "Sylvia Dodd". The last paragraph under the Treasurer's Report "tract" should read "track". In the Executive Directors report, last paragraph should read "The CML Standing Committee". Under Legislative Committee report under Old Business, "different" should read "difficult" Under the Partridge Award Status; the next to the last sentence should read "The award would be presented in November". Under New Business – Bylaws revision, last sentence, should read ". . .with the Articles of Incorporation, that CML have. . ." On the last page, under Project Support and Development Fund Idea , fifth line "Pat Fisher" should replace "Margaret Carty" "meeting consultant" should replace "meeting tracker". A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Lynn Wheeler and seconded by Nancy Aldous. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given by Steve LaBash for Treasurer Maurice Rindskopf. Copies of the report were handed out.

Steve announced that he had collected \$155.00 at the last meeting to present to Maurice Rindskopf in memory of his wife Sylvia. Maurice has established a scholarship in Sylvia's name at the Community College.

The balance as of September 15, 2010 in the checking account was \$16,981.27. The balance in the Partridge Account is \$5,195.43 and the balance in the Dewey account is \$1,626.47.

There was a discussion regarding the reporting by the Treasurer and the Executive Director, to the Board. Both of these reports should be aligned to reflect the balance on the last day of the month prior to the meeting, and distributed at the meeting.

There was a lengthy and varied discussion regarding the proposal Lynn Wheeler took to the MAPLA Board regarding the payment of dues to CML. In order to ensure the counties paid their dues, a recommendation was made to MAPLA to include the CML dues as part of the MAPLA yearly dues. Payment of dues would be once a calendar year. MAPLA voted to include CML dues as part of MAPLA dues, CML would then invoice MAPLA for the CML dues.

This new structure was suggested to MAPLA to create an Advocacy Fund, which would include MLLI, CML, Legislative Reception, and the MAACO booth. This was thought to be good for CML as some libraries do not pay their CML dues on time or it is difficult to pay with shrinking budgets. The dues could be collected and one check written to CML. A letter went out to libraries letting them know MAPLA would be collecting the dues. The dues categories of Sustaining and Contributing would be the same and based on income. Last year three libraries did not contribute to CML at all.

There was some discussion on the legality of this approach.

- Whether one Board member could make a proposal to another group on behalf of the CML Board, when the Board or the Executive Committee was not aware of the proposal and had not had the opportunity for input.
- CML is a separate legal entity not a chapter of MAPLA and there is no provision that would allow dues to come through any structure but CML.
- What are the legal options for collecting dues. Has the legal ramifications been explored?
- This approach may equalize the dues – but is this the only way to do that?

Lynn Wheeler explained to the CML Board the background of MAPLA hiring a lobbyist. MPL saw a huge benefit from the lobbyist. The public libraries made out well as state aid was saved and funds were not cut.

The only change would be that we would not have to individually invoice the public libraries; MAPLA would just send CML a check for all public libraries.

Lisa Williams made a motion that CML not change the way dues is collected. There was not a second.

Pat Turner made a motion that CML accept the new dues structure. This was seconded by Ted Haas. Nancy Aldous asked that we double check on the legal implications. Ted called for the question. The motion carried with one opposing vote and one absenting.

President's Report

Copies of President Pat Fisher's report were distributed.

- Pat received a resignation letter from Michael Osborne.

Highlights from the Presidents' activities included:

- Made appointments of new non-Board members to committees.
- Exchanged correspondence and calls with chairs and members of the Annual Meeting committee. as well as DLDS, Susan Paznekas, Mary Mallery and Nini Beegan.
- Worked on CML handout for the Baltimore Book Festival.
- Contacted Cecil County Public library Public Relations office to request help with the "Kiss and Tell" campaign.
- Managed the process to engage a new Executive Director.
- Attended Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries meetings in June and August.

Executive Director's Report

Highlights from the Executive Director's activities since the June meeting, included:

- Processing new memberships as they come in. As of the end of August, there were 115 members, 45 of which are referred new members.
- Worked with the CML President and Search Committee to hire a new Executive Director.
- Worked with the new Executive Director to have a smooth transition.
- Worked with DLDS, CML/MLA Annual Meeting Committee on mailings for the meeting.
- Updated the CML dues chart and President Pat Fisher sent letters to the Library Directors explaining the procedure.

Division of Library Development and Services

No Report

Old Business

Bylaws Committee

Copies of the proposed Bylaws amendments were handed out. The only change from the previous draft was the insertion of the office of Past President. Sylvia, Bill and Pat worked on this change.

The revisions must be sent to members 45 days before the Annual Meeting.

Legislative Committee

With the elections just over there are supporters who were not re-elected. So we could be starting from ground zero. In some areas it will be worse than last year.

An area that CML may not be aware of is that the library signs that are on federal roads are being removed. Mike moved and Lisa seconded that CML write a letter to State Roads signed by President Pat Fisher protesting the removal of the Library signs.

Marketing Committee

The chair reported that the Board has not seen the written document on the Membership campaign; however, things are in place. CML will participate in the Baltimore Book Festival sharing a booth with MLA on September 24, 25 and 26. If you are available to help, please let Margaret know. The Marketing Committee will hand out membership brochures and will give away 1500 notepads.

In February the "Kiss and Tell" Advocacy campaign will begin. Cecil County has agreed to help with the campaign and Pat has been talking to MAPLA to find friends group to participate in the campaign.

Strategic Plan

Pat announced that we have Two Goals and we need measurable objectives from each committee for those goals. The Bylaws and Marketing committees are the only ones who have submitted objectives. The rest of the committees need to do the same.

Partridge Award

Nominations will be accepted through September and the award will be given in November at the University of Maryland. Do not know what will happen in 2011. It is a UMD Award, but there is a representative from CML on the committee.

New Business

Nominations

The Nominations Committee report is printed at the bottom of the agenda. Bill Wilson said that if the Bylaws are approved, there would be the new Past President position and then they would need to find candidates for the Vice President position and four Board positions.

Annual Meeting

Ann Dahl, Chair of the committee, was not present, but submitted a written report. The meeting will be held on Saturday, November 6 in the community room adjacent to the headquarters of the Carroll County Public Library in New Windsor, Maryland. Registration and refreshments will begin at 9:30 with the meeting running from 10:00 – 12:30.

The speaker will be John Bernot. Other items on the agenda will include the CML and the Trustees annual meetings and Irene Padilla's report. The outstanding service of Mary Mallery to CML will be recognized and the new Executive Director, Nini Beegan will be introduced.

Anne wanted to express thanks to Lynn Wheeler for arranging the venue and the speaker, to Margaret Carty for volunteering to handle the refreshments, and to Susan Paznekas from DLDS who handles all the many details.

Other New Business.

A draft Resolution on Ex Officio members of the Board of Directors for Citizens for Maryland Libraries.

The resolution cannot be voted on until January 2011. The new nominating committee will deal with how we handle ex-officio members. There were a lot of comments regarding the Whereas statements, especially the fourth, fifth and seventh one. This will be discussed in January.

Sun, September 11 article.

There was an article in the September 11 Baltimore Sun that told of Target doing a makeover to a school library in Baltimore. It was a great article and would be good to put in the newsletter. The Awards Committee will look at recognition for Target. It was brought to the Boards attention that Target and certain banks have partnered with a National Foundation to redo school libraries. There is a school in Anne Arundel County and another in Prince George's County that are also being renovated.

Lynn Wheeler made a motion that CML send a letter to Target thanking them for their work for school libraries. Lisa seconded the motion and the motion passed.

With no additional New Business, Nancy Aldous made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Lynn Wheeler. The meeting adjourned at 12:54PM.

Respectfully Submitted
J. Linda Williams, Secretary