

Draft Minutes
Citizens for Maryland Libraries
January 6, 2018
Kent Island Branch, Queen Anne County Stevensville, MD

Present

President: Kristen Pironis
Vice President: Lynn Wheeler
Secretary: Margie Rhoden
Executive Director: Sarah Avant
Treasurer: Stuart Ragland, excused absence
Board Members: Margaret Carty, Jim DeArme, Martha Grahame, Joseph Thompson, Arthuree Wright (via Google Hangout), Jim Fish, Sandra Lombardo, Jane Terebey, Jay Bansbach, Al Martin
Ashley Rogers, Zeke White (MLA AIG visitors)

President Pironis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
Introductions were made all around. Each member stated their goals for 2018.
No items were added to the Agenda.

Presidents Report

A review of the organizations accomplishments made during 2017 which included; review and update bylaws; conducted an amazing conference.
Now a review of what worked-what didn't for the next conference in two years.

Executive Director's Report

A clarification about membership, review every board member to insure each one has their membership dates.

Treasurers Report

A look through the report. Comment was made on the "paid ahead" note sent by Stuart. Some members cannot access Dropbox. Please contact Stuart or Sarah for help.

CML Business

- a. **Approval of Minutes.** Review of Sep. 9, 2017 minutes. No changes. Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Grahame seconded for approval of the Minutes. All in favor.
- b. **Future Meeting Dates**
The following dates were decided:
February 20, AACPL Circuit Court Law Library Conference Room 3pm, Legislative Day in Annapolis
April 14, MLA Office in Baltimore, MD
June 2, Catonsville Library Baltimore, MD
- c. **Conflict of Interest Policy.** All members must sign the Conflict of Interest Policy sheet. Ms. Avant gave one to members who had not signed it to be returned by the end of the meeting.
- d. **News-** Karen Trennepole tendered her resignation effective 1/3/2018.

Legislative Day Feb 20, will begin with an Orientation around 8/8:30 am. This will help Library Directors with what are the expectations. Talking points will be given about what the issues are and what we support or are against. Visits to representatives should be scheduled by the Directors. The CML meeting will be held at 3 pm allowing visit time for all members with their State representatives. The reception will be held from 5:30 - 7pm.

Old Business

a. **CML Conference.** A survey after the CML Conference netted 16 out of 72 people. Comments were positive. Most respondents felt Mike Miller was a valuable speaker. All respondents felt the ALA presenters were very valuable. They would have liked more time to work on the activity at the end of the conference.

Heartfelt thanks went out to Ms. Hofmann and all who worked the conference. The State Library contributed much of the costs for the conference including Sign Language interpreters, transportation for ALA presenters and much more. CML and the State Library will alternate sponsoring the Annual Meeting Conference.

b. James Partridge Award Follow-up

Information on the website has been updated. The winner, Ruby Jaby was presented a certificate and a check on Nov 3, 2017 by Mr. Thompson. Ms. Wright, a previous award winner, represented CML on the selection committee.

c. **MLA/DLA Conference.** The conference is scheduled May 2-4 , 2018, Hyatt-Chesapeake, Cambridge, MD.

d. **Legislative Panel Update.** A state Senate Bill 331 on retirement is being looked at- pushing responsibility of retirement to counties. Another discussion is a change in the way a Library Board is put together making an option to have County Commissioners appoint a Board - no news if this is going to be sponsored as a bill.

At the Federal level please give your support to SB2271 reauthorizing IMLS funding. You should be getting emails from your directors and Mr. Thompson on how to contact your Senators with the message of support.

New Business

A list of Committees and their members will be made and sent out to all members. We are behind on Awards for this year and a call will be put out on Marylib and MAPLA for nominations to McCarn, Satterwaite, and Dewey grant to be submitted by Feb. 10, 2018.

Communications; changes will be made to Facebook administrators, revising the brochure and having the newsletter run twice a year. the Advocate newsletter will have a change in title and will be issued once a year.

Committees will continue to meet when needed but mainly before or after a regular meeting. Any other times will be arranged by each committee.

A Past President needs to be a member of the Executive Board. Ms Hofmann moved and Mr. Martin seconded the motion to appoint Ms. Grahame (as a past president) to serve as Past President on the Executive Board for this calendar year.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.