

Draft Minutes
Citizens for Maryland Libraries
April 14, 2018
Baltimore, MD

In Attendance:

Margie Rhoden, Stuart Ragland, Martha Grahame, Jane Terebey, Jay Bansbach, Sandy Lombardo, Joseph Thompson, Pat Hofmann, Lynn Wheeler, Kristen Pironis, Jim Fish, Tamar Sarnoff, Sarah Avant

The Audit Committee and the Communications Committee met before the start of the Board meeting.

President Pironis called the meeting to order at 10:04.

Introductions were made.

The Agenda was reviewed and no changes were made

President Pironis waived the Presidents Report to move directly into the Discussion Topics.

- Annual MSL/CML Conference

A good way to advocate for Libraries. Last years response to the panel session was well received. Some panel sessions will be considered for this year's conference. Topics for the Conference were discussed. Tentative dates for the Conference were discussed: November 3 or 10. October was not available to many members. A suggestion from President Pironis to hold further discussions at the end of the meeting was made. Members interested in staying for further planning were asked to stay after the Board meeting.

- Awards Committee

Board members were given a copy of the write-ups for the CML awards/grant. Discussion on wording and timeline commenced. Changes were given to Award Committee Chairman, Margie Rhoden. Any further editorial changes will be sent to Pat Hofmann.

-Recognition for Diane Barlow

A motion was made by Ms. Lombardo and seconded by Ms. Wheeler to have any donations made in Diane Barlow's name be made as gifts to the James Partridge outstanding African American Professional Award. A letter will be written by Ms Wheeler for publication in the CML newsletter.

-Treasurer's Report

All Board members should have received the financial statement through DropBox. Mr. Ragland highlighted the payment for Quickbooks, membership for United for Libraries, Wild Apricot and UPS as expenses. MAPLA payment will be deposited next week, their payment was made on time. A question was brought up for further discussion on how to use the balance since the reserve is growing. Operating funds are always used to fund awards along with any donations made by the general membership. Ms Wheeler made a motion to fund the Nettie B. Taylor MLLI scholarship as part of CML awards / grants/scholarship support. Seconded by Ms. Hofmann, the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ragland brought up a new topic: CML should consider compiling a written history of CML. All history is currently in a box and not written. President Pironis suggested this topic should be brought up at the June meeting.

A question was asked regarding what the budget year was for CML. The budget year runs Jan- to Dec.

-Legislative Panel

The Ways and Means Committee gave an unfavorable report on the MDHB 136 and it has been withdrawn. The Federal funding is in jeopardy for FY19. We need to continue asking for the funding to remain in the budget. Send your representatives the message to insure the money remains and is passed.

-Maryland Day

Last Saturday in April.

There are ample volunteers. An email will be going out to give information about the day and the time you are scheduled. Still looking for give-a-ways.

-MLA/DLA Conference

Everything in place for the conference.

CML will have a table. Mr. Ragland will provide the Banner. Anyone who is available and can spend time at the table stop by and hangout. We would like to have someone at the table during registration if possible.

-Communication Committee

Ms. Wheeler presented a list of articles for the newsletter. All articles were approved. The CML conference information has not been decided yet but will be added when it becomes available.

-Membership Committee

All Trustees are in the database about 530 members but paying membership is small. Email distribution list has many errors,(old emails, discontinued members, etc). What is best way to approach trustees. MAPLA pays for Trustees but what about Foundations and Friends groups? Members that come in under institutional payee may not get information/CML news. How can we keep CML members informed? Membership committee will come up with points to discuss at next meeting.

-CML Business

Minutes of last meeting, February 20, 2018 were reviewed. Ms. Terebey was left out as an attendee. Mr. Ragland moved to accept the Minutes with changes and seconded by Ms Lombardo.

-Upcoming Meeting dates

2 June 2018: Arbutus Library

November - will be the Annual Conference

15 December 2018: will check if Fairview Branch is available

Agenda item for this meeting will be Nominations for new executive Board

Meeting was adjourned 12:40.

Submitted by: Margie Rhoden

Board approved with modifications: June 2, 2018

