**Association of Connecticut Library Boards**

Connecticut State Library

231 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, CT 06106

Date: May 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom meeting

Present: Gail Richmond, Wendy Berlind, Sue Phillips, Carol Mikulski, Dawn LaValle, Denise Stankovics (10:10 a.m.)

Missing: Jan Glover, Barbara Leonard

**Call to Order:**  President Gail Richmond called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Secretary’s Report:** It was moved (Carol) and seconded (Gail) to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sue Phillips reported that a few new memberships came in after a recent email reminder; 56 libraries out of 92 have renewed, and there are 22 individual members. The balance is $29,670.71.

**President’s Report:** Gail Richmond said that ACLB has provided many useful resources to boards across the state and that she and Dawn are seeing a great need for the Board Basics training. Some boards are finding that a first selectman or mayor wants to have control of the library, causing boards to be unable to carry out their governing or advisory functions.

**FOCL Report:** In the absence of Barbara Leonard, there was no FOLC report.

**State Library Report:** Dawn reported on the many initiatives and programs in which the State Library is involved. She began by noting that the state budget process is still under way and that even after it is established, changes may be made, usually rescissions. A proposed cut to the BorrowIt program would impact federal funding from the Library Service Technology Act. The American Rescue Plan provided grant funding for library programs to help communities in need of access to food, internet connectivity, etc. The plan has expanded the Jobs and Careers Accelerator to help job seekers with resumes and networking. There is also a digital navigator project to foster digital inclusion and the CT Vision for Resource Sharing. Connecticut’s children’s and young adults’ librarian is providing diversity training across the country. Connecticut State Librarian Deborah Schander (Deborah.schander@ct.gov) is working on the archives. The CT State Library building will soon open by appointment to researchers such as genealogists and historian. The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped will become a division of the Department of Library Development.

**Old Business:**

*Newsletter:* Denise Stankovics plans three topics for the next newsletter:

* The “Lead Your Library” program consisting of three workshops on “The Importance of Foresight and Vision to Library Success”
* Digital inclusion efforts
* CLA reaching its fund-raising goal of $5,000 with help from the EveryLibrary organization.

**New Business:**

*Library Director Evaluation Form:* There was a brief discussion about parallel grammatical structure and the addition of a point about ensuring that staff voices are heard. Gail will incorporate the changes and Wendy will post the form on the website, along with the form Carol supplied from the Wallingford Library.

Dawn said that it would be good to have a June webinar highlighting all the resources provided by ACLB on its website..

**Adjournment:** It was moved (Denise) and seconded (Sue) to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on Thursday July 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Berlind, Secretary

**ACLB ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2019**

**BEGINNING BALANCE – $23,843.24**

**ENDING BLANCE – $24,523.94**

**INCOME**

Membership -- $6760.00

Conference Registrations -- $3,150.00

TOTAL – $9,910.00

**EXPENSES**

MEMBERSHIP MAILING – 129.98

Stamps – 100.00

Envelopes – 21.00

Paper – 8.98

NEW BOARD MEMBERS DRIVE – 119.83

Stamps and supplies – 119.83

WEBSITE AND ONLINE PAYMENTS – 863.87

Maintenance Fee -- $300.00

Website Annual Fee – 540.00

Online Payments Fees – 23.87

SECRETARY OF STATE ANNUAL REPORT – 50.00

INSURANCE – 1160.00

NEW CHECKS – 41.71

TRAVEL – 24.85

NEWSLETTER – 1383.58

March printing – 338.70

March postage – 117.67

June printing – 340.06

June postage – 121.67

September printing – 340.06

September postage – 125.42

CLA SCHOLARSHIP – 1000.00

CONFERENCE – 5139.46

Program Packet Printing and Supplies – 844.25

Awards – 31.21

Plaque for Ken Wiggin – 79.76

Facility – 4184.24

TOTAL – 9913.28