**Association of Connecticut Library Boards**

Connecticut State Library

P.O. Box 263

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Regular Meeting

Date: July 13, 2023, 10 a.m. via Zoom

Present: Wendy Berlind, Jan Glover, Carol Mikulski, Sue Philips, Denise Stankovics

Absent: Gail Richmond, Dawn LaValle, Barbara Leonard

**Call to Order:** Vice President Carol called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Secretary’s Report:** It was moved (Denise) and seconded (Jan) that the minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sue’s report showed a balance of $26,765.89. There have been 8 more memberships (in addition to 23 two months ago), including some first-time members, since the reminder to renew letter was mailed. We have received $1500 for memberships. There were 49 registrations for the FOI webinar, and 38 attended.

**President’s Report**: Gail is recuperating from a broken hand, so no report was available.

**FOCL Report**: BarbaraLeonard had no news to report.

**State Library Report**: Dawn LaValle sent the following report: CSL had a good budget session with an increase to the CT Digital Library, bond funding for Middletown Library Service Center renovations, restoration of Grants In Aid to Public Libraries grants, with the caveat CSL must review collection development policies for principal public libraries, and an increase in the maximum construction grant from 1million to 2million.

DLD has contracted with Jerry Nichols, NYS Board Consultant and author of the NYS Board of Trustees Handbook to provide various governance-related training for CT libraries. DLD kicked off our Libraries Without Borders pilot, a Creative Aging on Libraries Pilot, and is continuing with our partnership with DEEP for story walk installations throughout CT.

**Old Business:**

Newsletter: Denise reported that the next newsletter will come out in September, after the Intellectual Freedom Webinar on the 12th, and include a recap of Board Basics and the FOIA June 14 presentation as well as the September 12 program. There are several innovative programs sponsored by CLC, including a strategic planning cohort, accessing help with HR issues, and a large group Amazon account; an article could be based on these programs.

FOI Recap: The speaker was very effective and used concrete examples to cover the subject matter well, without using slides. A link to the recording was sent to all registrants and posted under **Resources** on the ACLB website. The webinar was good P. R. for the board and its work.

Sept. 22 Webinar: Sue will advertise the program on ConnTech. Jan will do a mailing in August with publicity for the September 12 Webinar on Intellectual Freedom. Sue and Jan have conflicts due to their Board meetings, so Wendy will become a co-host for the presentation. We will have a practice session on September 11.

**New Business**:

Topic for future webinars: We will do a Board Basics presentation in November, as new board members will be in place then. There is a tentative plan to have a presentation on the importance of DEI awareness in January; both Carol and Wendy know of someone who might speak and will contact them. Jan is working on a possible evaluation form to be used with our webinars.

Recruiting: We are planning to have individual ACLB board members contact library directors individually for recommendations on possible new members for the board. Carol will work on writing a “job description” for us to use when talking with new members about joining us.

Report to the State Library: Carol submitted a report on our recent activities to Jane Beaudoin, Executive Secretary to the State Librarian.

**Adjournment:**  It was decided by consensus to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Berlind

The next meeting will take place on September 14 at 10 a.m. via Zoom.