



NJLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2017
South Brunswick Public Library

Call to Order: Michael Maziekien, President

Michael called the meeting to order at 4:43pm, seconded by Jen; all in favor.

Introductions/Roll Call – Kate Russo, Secretary

Present: Michael Maziekien, Chris Carbone, Leah Wagner, Kate Russo, Philip Berg, Cynthia Lambert, Melissa Brisbin, Kate Jagers, Darby Malvey, Emily Moore, Lynn Schott, Jen Schureman

Attended online: Nancy Weiner, Adele Puccio

Staff: Patricia Tumulty, NJLA

Guests: Mary Chute, NJSL, Megan Kociölek, Clark Public Library, Jeanne Marie Ryan, Roselle Public Library, Bob Belvin, New Brunswick Free Public Library

Absent: Jayne Beline, Lynn Schott, Chelsea Woods-Turner, Amy Babcock-Landry

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda by Cynthia; seconded by Emily; all in favor.

Adoption of the Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes by Kate Jagers, seconded by Leah; all in favor with 1 abstention.

Reports within NJLA

Treasurer's Report

No report. Leah made a motion to adopt the bill list; seconded by Melissa; all in favor.

President's Report

Michael thanked everyone for their careful attention to the bylaw vote and thanked Chris for hosting at South Brunswick Public Library. He then shared that we are getting very close to conference time, which is very exciting as we are looking forward to wonderful speakers and programs. Michael thanked everyone for registered and reminded all that there is still time register for NJLA 2018.

Report from Pat Tumulty

Pat briefly commented on Jayne Beline's report from ALA. She highlighted 2 points: The online ALA Membership Meeting will be held on May 18th.

ALA's recent actions where they were trying to remedy the fact that an ALA position was never taken in the past regarding segregated libraries.

Michael next provided a conference update.

Kate Jagers shared that she was displeased with the registration numbers. A discussion ensued as to how to reach the goal of 800-1000 attendants. These ideas included Facebook post sharing, reminding list serv members, the possibility of emailing previous years registrants, and Kate Jagers suggested that directors reach out to staff, while Chris suggested reaching out to trustee groups. Michael then thanked Kate Jagers for her hard work.

Pat then continued with public policy updates:

A3801 to provide 10.5 million in state per capita aid has been introduced by Assemblymen R, Bruce Land and Bob Andrzejczak both from District 1 and Asm Wayne DeAngelo (District 14)

The bills to require school media specialists in every school according to population have been introduced. The Assembly bill is A1995 by Assemblywoman Sumter and Assemblyman Wimberl and Benson and the Senate bill is S2394 by Senator James Beach

The bill to provide for an information literacy curriculum is A132. The Assembly sponsors are Assemblymen Benson, DeAngelo and Assemblywomen Jasey. We do not yet have a Senate sponsor.

Regarding the federal budget, more money has been allocated to LISTA. A nice sized group from NJ will be representing us for ALA Legislative Day May 7-8.

In school news, letters were sent to both Glen Ridge and Bridgewater Raritan in support of having school media specialists in the schools.

A big change is that Melissa Lena's last day at NJLA would be April 27th. The personal committee had been having discussions, reviewed her job responsibilities, to determine what NJLA needs, and what position to create in order to hire someone. Presently, the plan remains to bring someone in for 10 hours a week at \$20 an hour.

Betty Stackman primarily handed trustee renewals. Pat was confident that could handle this task herself, and by not rehiring for Betty's position, NJLA would free up \$13,000 a year. Jen expressed concern that eliminating Betty's position which coincided with Melissa leaving could create a troubling situation for NJLA, especially if Pat retired in the next year. Pat please don't.

Kate Jagers made a motion to pursue a memorandum of partnering with NJLTA to hire someone who will do friends and trustees outreach for at \$20 an hour for 10 hours a week, seconded by Jen; L all in favor.

New Business

Michael discussed progress on the NJLA Strategic Plan. Leah held a meeting on March 29th. The purpose was to collect information. Some groups were combined. Everything that was reported created good conversation.

NJLA's mission statement was an integral part of the discussion. Key elements include: membership, membership benefits, advocacy, and member communication. A list of consultants was created and they are being contacted regarding their fees. An update will be provided at the May meeting.

The NJLA Leadership Forum was held on April 12th at South River Public Library. 25 people including chairs and vice chairs attended and it was a great opportunity for those there to ask questions. Topics discussed included: taking section minutes and posting them, having a checklist for the year for each incoming chair. Chelsea was fabulous and no nonsense. Leah announced that going forward, this meeting will now be held annually.

Reports from partnering organizations.

Report from Jayne Beline ALA

Report was emailed

Report from NJSL

The State Library Information Center will offer 3 programs for MoneySmart Week (April 23-27) joining hundreds of other libraries across the country to help individuals better manage their personal finances:

- *Psychology of Spending* - April 23, 12-1pm. Presented by the Credit Union of New Jersey.
- *An Investment in Knowledge Pays the Best Interest* - April 24, 12-1pm. Presented by the NJ Bureau of Securities.
- *Business Registration & Reporting Business Income* - April 26, 10am-noon. Presented by the NJ Department of Treasury's Taxation University.

Programs focusing on library funding and grant proposals will be held in late spring.

- *Intro to Finding Grants* – May 23 and May 24 12-1:30pm
Leigh Clark, SLIC's Funding Information and Business librarian, will present the Foundation Center's Intro to Finding Grants program with search examples focused on library related subject areas. This program will also be relevant and accessible to non-librarians who wish to attend.
- *Grant Proposal Writing Seminar* – June 6, 9:30-11:30am
Leigh will discuss the basics of proposal writing in the first half of the seminar and Eileen Morales from Library Support Services will focus on how to write and submit government grants in the second half, using Grants.gov and their new Workspace application.

Mary had the nicest news for 19 libraries. As of 4/11, word came from labor and workforce development that they wanted all the 19 current libraries to get a 3rd year of Career Connections.

The NJ Libraries Grow Business Summit will be held on May 9th at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan from 9am-4pm. There will be a keynote address by Barbara Alvarez.

The biennial Literacy Boot Camp, comprehensive adult literacy training kicked off on March 27, 2018. Intensive five, half-day series will train librarians and library staff on how to run a library-focused adult literacy program through May 22.

North Jersey Partners: on May 11th Andrea will be speaking at Montclair University on harnessing the power of the millennial workforce

IT semiannual Jersey Connect letter which will go behind the scenes into their services. Besides domain name registration they want to close gap in what they offer

Conversations with Jersey Cat are being held to improve search results.

Peggy, Adam, Kathy and Mary will all be representing us at National Library Legislation Day.

No Report from Rutgers

No Report from NJSAL

Action Plan for the Next Meeting

Voorhees Main Library of Camden County Library on Tuesday, May 15th; time: TBD.

The June meeting will be held in the new MAIN office in Whippany on Tuesday, June 19th; time: TBD.

Good of the Order

In ALA news:

It was announced that Wanda Brown is our new president.

The vote on eliminating the requirement for a master's degree was not approved by a large majority.

New Jersey's own Mimi Lee was elected as an ALA Councilor-at-Large. Congratulations!

Update from Adele: the new director of Bayonne is JP and he starts on Monday.

There is a Mover and Shaker in the room Jean Marie Ryan! Karen Parry of East Brunswick Public Library is also a Mover and Shaker.

Motion to Adjourn: Cynthia made a motion to adjourn at 5:38pm, seconded by Emily; all in favor.