



NJLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2018
M. Allen Vogelson Regional Branch Library
Camden County Library

Michael called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

Introductions/Roll Call – Kate Russo, Secretary

Present: Michael Maziekien, Leah Wagner, Chris Carbone, Kate Russo, Melissa Brisban, Kate Jagers, Jen Schurman, Amy Babcock-Landry, Emily Moore

Attending online: Cynthia, Darby, Lynn, Joyce, Nancy and Adele

Staff: Patricia Tumulty, NJLA

Guest: Jean Marie Ryan, Peggy Cadigan

Absent: Phillip Berg

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda from Emily, seconded by Leah: all in favor.

Adoption of the Minutes: Motion to adopt minutes by Amy, seconded Melissa: all in favor with 3 abstentions.

Motion to adopt the special business meeting minutes, motion to approve by Leah, seconded by Cynthia: all in favor, with 3 abstentions.

Cynthia's Treasurer's Report

Cynthia shared that with the loss of Melissa things are not fully up and running, but Pat is working hard at getting things done. Next month you will have a bill list, and bills will be paid, the money is coming in since conference numbers are up and we have new NJLA memberships. The hotline is up, and Karen Klapperstuck helped with mail chimp on 5/14.

A motion to pay bills at the director's discretion with the review of treasurer as needed until the next NJLA Executive Board meeting was made by Amy, seconded by Leah; all in favor.

Reports from within NJLA

Presidents Report: Michael expressed his appreciation for the tremendous amount of work and effort for Washington D.C. visit. He is certain it will result in much success from the solid relationship that our NJLA leaders have built with our political leaders.

Thank you to our conference committee for their great work. I am really looking forward to conference.

Finally, thank you to Leah for stepping up this month and taking on aspects of this leadership role.

Report from Pat Tumulty

Pat shared that sponsorship numbers for conference are tremendous compared to last year. She expressed sincere thanks to Karen Karen Klapperstuck , James Kheebler, and Leah Wagner.

Updates: Testimony was sent to the state board of education. 3 letters were written in support of school districts. 2 pieces of legislature are out there, getting sponsors with this long range effort

Jayne's report was emailed with a resolution attached by ALA and people are looking for support for this resolution.

Michael read the draft resolution for the record. Then Michael made a motion to support, seconded by Kate Russo; all in favor. Michael added that statements like this are long overdue and he appreciated the support.

New Business

The Strategic Plan Committee is meeting after NJLA 2018. At conference, they will be collecting feedback from all members via posts it. This information will then be compiled, and used.

Kate Jagers shared that as of today's meeting, there are 702 conference registrations. She then asked the Executive Board for a final push to get more people to come. We have 17 sponsors. Thank you to James and Karen for their hard work. Michael then thanked Kate for all her work you towards NJLA 2018.

Kathy Schalke-Green then asked for NJLA to support an advocacy effort for public policy. Library Link NJ is at a crisis point as an organization. Peggy distributed handout for per capital state aid. Jean Marie Ryan, chair of public policy added that, Kathy Schalke-Green bought this to us Friday, and she felt it appropriate to bring to board today. A rich discussion then ensued.

Amy Babcock-Landry request for the board to go into executive session. Michael made that motion which was seconded by Emily at 11:07am. Pat and Cynthia also left the meeting.

Move to resume open session by Leah at 11:41, seconded by Kate Jagers; all in favor

The statement in response to Kathy's request read, "We strongly support the continuation of delivery service in its current form and are investigating ways that NJLA can advocate for the continuation of this vital service. We are asking The State Library for further clarification including a breakdown of their request for an additional 1.3 million for fiscal year 2019 of library network aide."

Michael then requested public policy to attend our next meeting and called for the next issue on the agenda.

There is potential library legal issue regarding unionization. A municipality came to NJLA because a union wanted to organize their library workers, and its improper that this union

certified the library workers as part of the bargaining unit. Since this could set a dangerous precedent in the future, Pat has consulted with our attorney, and put in a request to OPAH. Amy Babcock-Landry then clarified that this is not about supporting or not supporting unionization, as NJLA is not opposed to libraries working unions.

Pat has support from the Executive Board to go forward with advising on this issue.

Report from State Library

The Bond Council has been hired. The DPLA draft application is currently being reviewed.

Peggy attended the NJ LIS Grows Businesses with 75 total in attendance.

Special thanks John Wallace for his participation in National Library Legislation Day.

There were 3 winners for best practice in early literacy: Scotch Plains, Ocean City Free Public Library, and South Plainfield.

All are invited to the State Librarian's Breakfast at NJLA Speak Freely on Friday, June 1st at 8:00am.

Report from ALA

This report has been emailed.

Report from Rutgers

Joyce Valenza attended online and added:

Our program continues to grow.

4 new students entered just for summer.

Thank you for letting me share.

Chris thanked Rutgers for their sponsorship and looked forward to seeing everyone in person.

No report from NJSAL

NJSAL no report, but Pat shared that they will be participating in the pre-conference.

Action Plan for the Next Meeting: TBA

Call for the Good of the Order

Leah shared that the new committee choice forms are on the website.

Action Plan for the Next Meeting: TBA

MAIN Office on June 19th with the time TBD.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 12:18 pm, by Chris, seconded by Kate Jagers; all in favor.