

CMLA Board Meeting

February 17, 2022

Held virtually on the Zoom platform

In attendance: Lisa Cheever, Betsy Perry, Vicky Biancolo, Bernadette Rivard, Brittany McDougal Bialy, Ryan Donovan, Shannon Duffy, Rebecca Morin, Becky Plimpton, Erin Redihan, Sharon Bernard, Rob Favini, Cheryl Donahue, Andrew Jenrich, Karen Wall, Nick Langhart

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 am by President Lisa Cheever

Brittany motioned to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting; Bernadette seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, motion passes unanimously.

President's Report:

Lisa requested to change the March 17, 2022 meeting to start at 10 am. There were no objections, the meeting will start at 10 am.

Exploring program on challenges/censorship- Lisa is looking for a speaker.

Pronoun presentation for library staff with Heath Umbreit, cost is \$250. Betsy will set up. Erin made a motion to expend \$250. for this program. Bernadette seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Lisa advised everyone to keep up with Bill H.4120—the language has changed slightly since its introduction.

Library legislative days have been planned: April 6 at 10 am for Central Massachusetts. Links are forthcoming, please disseminate and encourage people to sign up.

Treasurer's Report- Starting balance was \$5404.64. \$225 came in memberships. Expenses were \$5.23 in credit card fees. \$5624.41 balance.

Subcommittees

Bylaws Subcommittee- Andrew and Bernadette are going to review them.

Communications/PR subcommittee- no report

Legislative Breakfast subcommittee-In person breakfast at Worcester Public Library on Friday, March 11 at 7:30 am. Commissioner Bianco will be speaking on behalf of the MBLC.

Becky will follow up on the possibility of an evening event.

Legislative Day – Lisa asked Rep. Soter to speak, still looking for a senator. Becky will ask Sen. Anne Gobi if she is available.

Membership subcommittee- Ryan has been following up on lapsed memberships. Still 47 overdue renewals. 39 paid members currently. Ryan is going to develop some list-serv friendly messaging to disperse soon. Rob got us a list of new directors that we can reach out to. Lisa will send it out so we can divide it up.

Nominating subcommittee-have a vacancy, still working on filling it.

Programming subcommittee- Youth programming roundtable for March 2 has over 30 signups. Youth writing program on March 30 has over 40 people signed up.

Ryan is exploring the possibility of inviting more libraries to a co-op newspaper purchasing program that he participates in- details will be forthcoming.

Bernadette and Sharon will coordinate a presentation on censorship.

New Business

Vicky attended a WMLA meeting where concern was expressed about municipalities being exempt from providing paid leave to part time workers and pay Massachusetts minimum wage instead of federal minimum wage. There was a discussion about various practices in place at different types of libraries.

Old Business

Start planning Trivia for this fall. Becky will look for a venue.

Motion to adjourn made by Bernadette, seconded by Ryan. All in favor, motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.