

**Delaware Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Delaware Public Archives
April 5, 2011**

In attendance: Julie Brewer, Margie Cyr, Peggy Dillner, Carol Fitzgerald, Pauly Iheanacho, Rebecca Knight, Marilyn Kulkarni, Patty Langley, Mary Jane Mallonee, Annie Norman, William Simpson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Margie Cyr at 4:05 p.m.

Quorum

A quorum was present (8 officers and division presidents).

Minutes

Secretary Mary Jane Mallonee had previously distributed the minutes of the March 17, 2011, meeting via email. The minutes were approved as distributed. Margie stated that a letter to school boards and administrators emphasizing the importance of school librarians referred to in the minutes would be sent out on Friday, April 8.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pauly Iheanacho had emailed Board members on April 4, stating that there was no income and there were no expenses since the meeting on March 17, 2011. This report was accepted.

Past President

Peggy Dillner had no report.

Youth Services

There was no representative to report from the division.

DSLA

Marilyn Kulkarni inquired about the process to obtain funds from DLA to spend for a division's expenses.

CRLD

William Simpson reported that about 30 people have signed up for the workshop at Longwood Gardens to be held on April 8. The officers will meet to discuss the division's gift baskets for the Annual Conference.

PLD

Carol Fitzgerald had no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Conference

Patty Langley explained what the entertainment on Wednesday and Thursday evenings during the Conference in Ocean City, MD, will be. Margie and Peggy volunteered to participate in Battle Decks, improvisation using PowerPoint, on Wednesday. More volunteers will be solicited via the DLA listserv. There will also be a jam session in the hotel bar afterwards. Thursday night's teams for the Pub Quiz will be formed informally that evening to answer library- and pop culture-related questions. There will be approximately ten baskets for the silent auction from Delaware. Information about contents and size must be sent to Patty before the Conference, but baskets may be brought to the auction area upon arrival. Patty had no information about possible bus transportation to the Conference.

Legislative Day

Margie reported that Jim McCloskey will send out a letter next week about the May 12 event. Annie Norman reported that \$1,275 was paid for the lunch last year to Calypso Caterers in Dover.

Membership

Julie Brewer reported that she had no updates from the previous month's report.

Handbook and Bylaws

A motion to accept the revised sections of the Handbook was passed. A mailing will have to be sent by April 14 with the slate of officer candidates and a notice of the DLA business meeting at the Conference. Rebecca can create links from the Conference page on the website to the minutes, the ballot, and a description of the Handbook revisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee

Margie reported for Suzanne Smith that a candidate for DLA Secretary has been found, but there is no candidate yet for Vice President. Margie will poll the Board for approval of the slate via email when there are two candidates in place. For the mailing that must be sent by April 14, Julie can produce labels for the envelopes. Rebecca has leftover envelopes and address labels. Peggy can put together the mailing, which will include the ballot, the notice of the business meeting, and the description of the changes to the Handbook. Rebecca will post information about voting to approve the Handbook and the Bylaws, drafts of the Handbook and Bylaws, and the minutes of last year's meeting on the DLA website. The membership will be voting for the second and final time on the Bylaws revision, and for the first time on the Handbook revision. There will have to be another meeting of the membership to vote for the second and final time to approve the Handbook revisions.

Scholarships and Awards

A report from Kathy Graybeal recommended two applicants for scholarships: Sophia Sotilleo and Theresa Allen. These recommendations were accepted by the Board. Marilyn Kulkarni announced that Darren Guido, Principal of Central Middle School in the Capital School District will receive the Outstanding Administrator's Award for Excellence. After discussion, the Board agreed to award Public Library Division Recognitions rather than Distinguished Service Citations to the Delaware Financial Literacy Institute--the Money School and the Delaware Division of the Arts. There was discussion and clarification that awardees who are not librarians will have their lunches paid for by DLA, but their spouses are paid for by the nominating library. Kathy Graybeal and Marilyn Kulkarni and Margie Cyr will see that these lunches are registered for the Conference. Plaques and other tangible awards should be paid for by the sponsoring division.

Division of Libraries

Annie Norman distributed information about the Geek the Library campaign, which is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It is a tool to be used by public libraries to promote lifelong learning. Annie asked for DLA's endorsement. Marilyn Kulkarni moved that DLA support this campaign. The motion passed.

Adjournment

After Margie sincerely thanked Board members for serving this year, she stated that the Board meeting scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Friday, May 6, at the Annual Conference, would be held only if an issue arising between now and then made it necessary. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

These minutes are drafts until the date of their approval is known.

Mary Jane Mallonee
Secretary