



**Delaware Library Association Executive Board
Dover Public Library
Wednesday February 27, 2019**

Presiding Officer: Sarah Katz, DLA President

Minutes Taken by: Adrienne Johnson, DLA Secretary

Members in Attendance:

Sarah Katz – DLA President
Alison Wessel – Vice-President/Conference Chair
Cathay Keough – Executive Director
Joel Rudnick, DLA Treasurer
Katie McDonough, Scholarships, Awards, Citations
Lauren Wallis, ALA Councilor
Adrienne Johnson – DLA Secretary
Molly Olney-Zide – CRLD President
Michelle Hughes – DLA Past President
Dr. Annie Norman – State Librarian

Meeting called to order 4:15pm

Minutes from November 30, 2018 Board meeting were approved.

Officer Reports:

- a. DLA President:
 - i. President's Program: Sarah Katz thanked Cathay for filling in. Event was a success and has been recorded.
 - ii. Positions for upcoming elections: Treasurer, Secretary, and VP/Conference Chair. There is a candidate for Treasurer and for VP/Conference Chair; need a candidate for Secretary. Adrienne Johnson will prepare posting description.
 - iii. DLA Webmaster needed. Sara Thomas stepping down. Molly Olney-Zide and Michelle Hughes are willing to help with minor updates until a replacement is found.
 - iv. Bulletin deadline tomorrow.
- b. Executive Director:
 - i. Cathay Keough's last day will be March 1, 2019. She accepted an opportunity in Florida. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve DLA. Cathay has shared all her DLA information with Michelle Hughes. Her email will still be active for a few months, so do not hesitate to reach out if needed.

- ii. The Public (movie) will be released April 5th. Cathay recommends asking local theatres to host the movie. Suggestions include Theatre N and Everett Theatre in New Castle County and also think about a theatre in Sussex County. Encourage legislators to go and see the movie. Cathay suggested coming up with discussion questions. Discussions can be ongoing. What can DLA do? Ryan Dowd's Twitter feed provides questions.
- c. Vice President/Conference Chair:
 - i. Conference update: Planning going smoothly. Event details include workshops, keynote, film screening, crafting tables (button making and tote bags), and more.
 - ii. Need volunteers to assist with the Silent Auction and with the crafting tables. Cathay encouraged all divisions to recruit volunteers.
 - iii. Hashtags for event created by MLA marketing director: #IamMLA; #IamDLA.
- d. Treasurer:
 - i. Update on balance sheet and profit/loss for the year.
 - ii. Delaware Community Foundation/Scholarships: reported on sustainability and recovery from loss. Suggested a "socially responsible plan" to consider in the future. Can change plans 1 time per year.
 - iii. Festival of Words: \$3000.00 commission from Christiana Care. Important to get this donation. 180 people registered for the event.
 - iv. Recommends purchasing Quickbooks (Desktop Pro – 1 user).
- e. Past President:
 - i. Michelle Hughes reported updates from Long Range Planning Committee. Welcome brochure finalized, crafting new VP duties and Conference Chair position.
- f. ALA Councilor:
 - i. Reported on Mid-winter events:
 1. Resolutions: Resolution on the Adoption of Sustainability as a Core Value of Librarianship; Resolution on Eliminating Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Justice; Resolution in support of Civil Rights Protections for People of Diverse Gender Identities.
 2. Meeting Rooms: Revised online resources for hateful conduct in libraries.
 3. Committee on Legislation: Copyright, high speed internet, and cyber security.
 4. Code of Conduct violation issue. Due to incident, more training might be necessary for all new councilors.
- g. State Librarian:
 - i. Dr. Norman extended thanks and appreciation to Cathay for all she has done to support DLA. Explained how Cathay's position came to be and noted her absence will be felt.
 - ii. National Legislative Day – Since ALA annual in Washington D.C. this June 20-25th, 2019, the next National Library Legislative Day will take place in 2020. Fly-In was invitation only. Kay Bowes will go in place of Cathay and will represent DLA. Skip Dye (Penguin Press/United for Libraries) also invited to attend.

Committees Reports:

- a. Scholarships, Awards, and Citations:
 - i. Not ready for a vote yet. There have been nominations for seven awards. Three applications for the Helen H. Bennett Scholarship, two for the Charlesa Lowell Scholarship; two for Grace Estelle Wheelless Scholarship. No Linda Walge Penman applicants.
 - ii. It will be the last year for the Lowell Scholarship. The Newark Free Library will not continue to fund. There was a discussion about DLA funding this scholarship and other options to keep the scholarship active, including a GoFundMe campaign and discussions with state friends group.

Division & Group Reports:

- a. CRLD:
 - i. Spring program April 4th, 2019 – all about data. Three presenters from University of Delaware, one from Delaware State, and one from Wilmington University.

Meeting adjourned 5:57pm.