Meeting was called to order at 10:50am by Rebecca Lubin.

Present: Rebecca Lubin, Josh Cohen, Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, Julie Johnson, Frank Rees, Richard Naylor, Pat Kaufman

Not Present: Ed Falcone

Rebecca showed the sample of littlemismatched socks. We discussed pricing, who checks should be made out to, collection of sales tax.

Acceptance of Minutes – March 18, 2008

Julie motioned approval. Frank seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Frank Rees

As of August 31, 2009, the balance was $15,522.40. There were no expenses in August. There is a balance due of $3,600.00 for the sock order.

Richard motioned approval. Rebekkah seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President’s Report – Rebecca Lubin

Rebecca confirmed the sock price at $10.00/pack, 3 packs for $25.00. She will confirm who the checks will be made out to and the collection of sales tax.

Elections Congratulations to Julie and Mary. We reiterated our commitment to a group effort on conference programming. Thanks to Rebekkah and Frank for all their work.

Council Report - Josh Cohen

NYLA Council will meet in two weeks. The NYSUT deal went through. In response to some concerns, benchmarks will be set to establish the value of this partnership to NYLA. Michael Borges announced that NYLA joined in the Google Book Settlement. NYSHE, the state organization of higher education, proposed legislation that they should be responsible for selecting statewide databases for the academics with funding through Economic Development Corporation. Michael Borges questioned certain aspects of this proposal. Michael wrote a letter to LJ (May 15, 2009) suggesting that Gates money should have gone to state chapters instead of PLA. PLA sent a response to NYLA Council. Josh has drafted a letter to PLA for Council approval. Conference registration is running about as expected. Several vendors have dropped out.

Committee Updates
Legislative – Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich

They are meeting next week. Rebekkah was not notified of either the June or the September meetings. Josh will attend the meeting in Rebekkah’s stead.

Membership – Julie Johnson

Julie attended the spring meeting. There have been no updates since then. Julie will request statistics from Johanna in the NYLA office.

CE – Pat Kaufman

Pat is notified by Meg Van Patten. She was not able to attend the June meeting but did attend the August meeting. Meg reported that the Conference CEs are a go. Future CE and Regional Institute topics were discussed. Pat will let Meg know that LAMS is interested in doing CEs on dealing with disturbed patrons and library resources for the unemployed.

JLAMS – Richard Naylor

Richard reported that EBSCO will indexing JLAMS in its databases. He has three articles for the Fall issue; a fourth one is on its way. Five people from U Albany doing a special issue (Spring) on reference sources for academics. We will talk to Jerry Nichols RE: having students in the PLAC programs submit their projects to Richard for consideration.

NYLA Conference 2009

Board Meeting Dinner – 7pm at a restaurant to be determined. Mary DeBellis and Gillian Thorpe will be invited to attend.

Dewey Fellowship – Gillian Thorpe, Director, Julia L. Butterfield Library was selected via electronic voting. She officially will be notified by Rebecca no later than Monday, September 14, 2009. She will be invited to the dinner and will be encouraged to attend to the LAMS Luncheon and the Awards dinner.

Program Ideas for Conference Scholarship – we will offer it again.

Raffle – Rebekkah will buy a netbook. We will charge $5.00/raffle ticket or join LAMS and a free raffle ticket. Raffle drawing at noon on Friday, October 16.

LAMS members – a fishbowl with slips of papers. Members can win either a tee shirt, a tattoo, socks, or a raffle ticket. Rebecca will get a count of LAMS members registered for Conference.

Booth responsibilities – Richard will bring 8x10 display holders, program idea forms, LAMS banners, raffle forms, tee shirts, tattoos, and cashbox. Rebekkah will make a booth poster, buy netbook, and do the slips of paper. Rebecca will bring “change”.

Booth schedule – Rebecca will email LAMS Board members asking for booth signups. Then she will email at-large members and then a mass email to LAMS members. The email also will include information about our program sessions and booth raffle. Booth set-up is on Thursday, October 15 at 8:30am. Booth break-down is on Friday, October 16 at 3:30pm. Pat will look for the cardboard mascot. Rebekkah will bring the MHLS program kit (tape, scissors, etc.). Richard will bring a CD player and a CD of the Woodstock concert. Rebekkah will do Accu-cuts of the sock motifs to decorate the booth.
Session logistics – Richard, Frank, and Rebekkah are bringing projectors.

Luncheon – evanced will sponsor the luncheon for $500.00. Richard will do the luncheon program. Rebecca will include evanced sponsorship in the email about our programs.

Bylaws

Members-at-Large – In an effort to grow LAMS leadership, and as an outgrowth of the Nominating Committee’s work this year, several people expressed interest in becoming involved but did not wish to run for office. The following people submitted formal “applications”: Frank Rees, Gillian Thorpe, Rob Carle, Claudia Depkin, Tim Burke, Julie Dempsey. Rebecca will email them to see if they are still interested and will encourage them to attend the Annual Meeting at NYLA.

Revisions to the bylaws - Richard will write the verbiage. Rebecca will send out an email with the proposed changes and information about the time and place of the vote. The proposed bylaw changes will be voted on at the LAMS Annual Meeting which will take place prior to the session, I Still Don’t Want to Talk About It on Friday, October 16th, at 9:45am.

Bylaws wording:

<<Up to four (4) members-at-large from the LAMS membership may be appointed at the discretion of the LAMS Board. Members-at-large shall be voting members of the Board and shall serve on at least one (1) section committee and/or shall serve as the section representative to NYLA’s standing committees.>>

<<Amending bylaws – electronic voting to amend bylaws shall be permitted.>>

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kaufman
Pat Kaufman, Secretary