

**Friends of Libraries Section - Annual Membership Meeting
November 10, 2017
New York Library Association Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY**

Welcome and Introduction of the 2016-2017 FLS Board

President Janet Kreason called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Membership Meeting of the Friends of Libraries Section. She introduced the current members of the Executive Board that were present for this meeting: Rebecca Fuss, Vice President/President Elect; Sarah Sachs, Immediate Past President; Terry Mulee, Second Vice President; Randall Enos, President Emeritus; Lynne Madden, Secretary; Jennifer Kegler, Treasurer; and Members at Large, Vicki Kosovac, Marie Orlando, and Ristiina Wigg. Members unable to attend were Members at Large, Leslie Riley, Sue Swanton, Betsy Sywetz, Frank Van Zanten, and Joyce Laiosa, Coordinator for the Daniel W, Casey Library Advocacy Award.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 4, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting

These minutes were reviewed by the FLS Executive Board on March 6, 2017 and posted on the website for members. Terry Mulee moved to accept the minutes. Marie Orlando seconded the motion, Approved.

Treasurer's Report

In fiscal year 2016-2017 FLS revenue was \$2600 and expenditures were \$1995, a net gain of \$605. 44% of FLS expenditures were conference related and membership revenue was \$1904. The closing Fund Balance as of June 30, 2017 was \$4719.

Review of Report on Section Activities

Janet reviewed a few items from her Annual Report:

- Over 40 Friends, directors and trustees from the Capital Region along with the FLS Executive Board members participated in the 3rd annual Friends Group Meet-Up following the May 15, 2017 Executive Board Meeting at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.
- More than 80 volunteers, staff and trustees from 39 libraries in 7 public library systems attended 3 "Keep It Growing! Strengthening Your Friends of the Library Group" regional workshops in 2017.
- FLS held its first NYLA Annual Conference Continuing Education Workshop on Nov. 8, 2017. Over 30 participants registered for "Fiduciary Practices for Nonprofit Organizations" presented by John C. Parcell.
- A Board committee is nearing completion of our first strategic plan which supports our mission and NYLA's goals. Another committee has

determined a plan of action for electronic storage of selected Section records.

- Current FLS membership is 169, including 53 Friends of Libraries Groups. 75% have chosen FLS as their primary NYLA section.

2017 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award

The recipient of this year's award is Colleen Powers of the Wadsworth Library in Geneseo. The award will be presented to Colleen by members of the FLS Executive Board at a future date.

Passing of the Gavel to Incoming President Rebecca Fuss

Before passing the gavel to incoming President Rebecca Fuss, Janet took the opportunity to thank the members of the Executive Board for their help and hard work during her year as FLS President. She also thanked Executive Director Tim Gavin and the Library Trustees Association of New York for their continued partnership and generous financial support of the five FLS workshops at the NYLA Annual Conference. She also thanked the Public Library Section as a workshop co-sponsor, and first-time co-sponsor, the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library, for co-sponsorship of two workshops. She noted that these collaborations make it possible for FLS to offer diverse topics and quality programs for library Friends, trustees and staff.

Installation of the 2017-2018 FLS Board

President Rebecca Fuss introduced the new Executive Board for the upcoming year: Janet Kreason, Past President; Lisa Wemett, Vice President and NYLA Conference Curator; Terry Mulee, Second Vice President; Randall Enos, President Emeritus; Lynne Madden Secretary, Jennifer Kegler, Treasurer; Members at Large, Vicki Kosovac, Patricia Loughan, Terry Morris, Marie Orlando, and Ristiina Wiig. Members at Large, Sue Swanton and Leslie Riley were unable to attend. Rebecca also noted the new Liaisons and Committee Members: Amy Pass, NYLA Continuing Education Committee Representative; Jean Sheviak, NYLA Legislative Committee Representative; Terry Mulee, NYLA Membership Committee Representative and Communications Committee Representative and FLS Newsletter and Webpage Editor; Sue Swanton, Archivist; Marie Bindeman, Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award Coordinator; Joyce Laiosa and Leslie Riley, Casey Award Readers; and Kitty Bressington, FLS Dewey Fellowship Award Coordinator.

Adjournment

President Rebecca Fuss encouraged the attendees of the meeting to consider joining FLS if they were not already members and reminded them that FLS is always looking for volunteers and ideas. After thanking Janet for her year of service she asked

for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Sachs made the motion, seconded by Pat Loughan. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Madden, Secretary

Minutes submitted for approval on Nov. 13, 2017

Reviewed by the FLS Executive Board on December 11, 2017

Approved at the FLS Annual Membership Meeting, November 9, 2018