

Friends of Libraries Section – Annual Membership Meeting

November 9, 2018

New York Library Association Annual Conference, Rochester, NY

Welcome and Introduction of the 2017-2018 FLS Board

President Rebecca Fuss called the meeting to order at 12:40 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: Lisa Wemett, Vice President/President Elect; Terry Mulee, Second Vice President; Randall Enos, President Emeritus; Lynne Madden, Secretary; Jennifer Kegler, Treasurer; and Members at Large, Pat Loughan, Sue Swanton, Terry Morris, Ristiina Wigg. Members unable to attend were Janet Kreason, Immediate Past President; Members at Large, Vicki Kosovac, Marie Orlando, Leslie Riley.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2017 Annual Membership Meeting

These minutes were reviewed by the FLS Executive Board on December 11, 2017 and posted on the FLS website for the members. Kitty Bressington moved to accept the minutes. Terry Mulee seconded the motion. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jennifer Kegler reported a beginning balance of \$4,719.44 and an ending balance of \$6,746.46 for the fiscal year 2017-2018. A net gain of \$2,027.02. The September 30, 2018 ending balance was \$8,707.96.

Introduction of 2018 FLS Dewey Fellow

Kitty Bressington, Dewey Fellowship Coordinator introduced Anne Andrianos, the 2018 FLS Dewey Fellow.

Announcement of the 2018 FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award

Marie Bindeman, Casey Award Coordinator reported that this year ten nominations were received for the FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award. The 2018 recipient was Bonnie Shannon, of the Friends of Kinderhook Memorial Library. Bonnie received her award at an earlier time and was unable to attend the annual

meeting. An Honorable Mention award was presented to Nancy Bauder, President of the Foundation for Geneva Public Library.

Outgoing President's Remarks and Review of Annual Report of Section Activities

President Rebecca Fuss expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve as President of FLS this past year. She noted that she especially enjoyed meeting Friends members from all over the state and gave them a "Bravo!" for all the great work they do. She also mentioned some highlights of the past year:

- FLS current membership is 184, an 8% increase.
- A new FLS scholarship is being planned.
- FLS presented its first webinar this year.
- 3 regional workshops were held across the state.
- FLS held its 4th annual Friends Meet-Up after the FLS Executive Board Meeting in June.
- A Library Champions Task Force is working on an advocacy project that will be tested at four sites throughout the state in 2019.
- She thanked Vice President/President Elect Lisa Wemett for a wonderful selection of programs at this year's conference.
- She thanked Second Vice President, Terry Mulee and FLS member, Amy Discenza for all their work in promoting FLS this year.

Passing of the Gavel to Incoming President

After her review of her past year as FLS President, Rebecca passed the gavel to Incoming President Lisa Wemett.

Incoming President's Remarks and Introduction of the 2018-2019 FLS Board

President Lisa Wemett thanked everyone for coming to the first FLS Luncheon and Annual Meeting. She was pleased to report that it had been sold out. She expressed thanks to Rebecca for her work this past year which included the first phase of the FLS Long Range Plan. She thanked Ned Davis and the Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library for their support of this year's FLS conference programs. She also thanked the ladies of St. Monica Church in Rochester and Jane Miller of the Friends of the Scottsville Public Library for their help with the luncheon.

Lisa then introduced the new Executive Board for the upcoming year: Rebecca Fuss, Past President; Bob Pacer, Vice President and NYLA Conference Curator; Terry Mulee, Second Vice President; Randall Enos, President Emeritus; Lynne Madden,

Secretary; Stephen Hoefler, Treasurer; Members at Large, Anne Andrianos, Patricia Loughan, Terry Morris, Marie Orlando, Leslie Riley, Susan Swanton, Ristiina Wigg.

Adjournment

With no further matters to discuss President Lisa Wemett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Loughan made the motion, seconded by Sue Swanton. Approved.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Madden, Secretary

Minutes reviewed by FLS Executive Board - Dec. 17, 2018