

**Friends of Libraries Section – Annual Membership Meeting
November 4, 2016
New York Library Association Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY**

DRAFT – Minutes reviewed by FLS Executive Board, March 6, 2017

Welcome and Introduction of the 2015-2016 FLS Board

President Sarah Sachs called the meeting to order at 3:45 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: Janet Kreason, Vice President/President-Elect; Lisa Wemett, Immediate Past President; Terry Mulee, Second Vice President; Randall Enos, President Emeritus; Lynne Madden, Secretary; and Member At Large, Marie Orlando, and Joyce Laiosa, Coordinator for the Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award. Members unable to attend were Marcia Elwitt, Treasurer; Members at Large Vicki Kosovac, Leslie Riley, Sue Swanton, Betsy Sywetz, Ristiina Wigg, and Frank Van Zanten

Approval of the Minutes of the October 23, 2015, Annual Membership Meeting

These minutes were reviewed by the FLS Executive Board on December 14, 2015, and were posted on the FLS website for the members. Lisa Wemett moved to accept the minutes. Marie Orlando seconded the motion. Approved.

Review of FLS Treasury Balances

- July 1, 2015: \$3,527.65
- June 30, 2016: \$4,114.51
- September 30, 2016: \$4,318.26

Review of Annual Report on Section Activities

Sarah highlighted a few items from her Annual Report:

- Five Regional Workshops were held around the state this year. 140 people were trained at these workshops. Special thanks were given to Lisa Wemett and Terry Mulee for conducting them.
- FLS has been fortunate to partner with the Library Trustee Association this year. Sarah attended the Library Trustee Association Institute in Plattsburgh in May and reported that it was one of the highlights of her year. Sarah introduced LTA's Executive Director Tim Gavin and thanked LTA for its financial co-sponsorship of our FLS programs this year.
- In conjunction with the Empire State Center for the Book, FLS helped award a Literary Landmark to the home of Frank Sullivan, a Saratoga Springs native, member of the Algonquin Roundtable and writer for the Saratogian newspaper. The award was presented to the current owners of the Sullivan house at the Empire Center for the Book luncheon on Thursday, November 3rd. Sarah introduced

Rocco Staino, Director of the Empire State Center for the Book, who was present at the FLS meeting, to the attendees.

2016 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award

The winner of this year's award is Anne Andrianos, president of the Friends of the Onondaga Free Library. The award will be presented to Anne by Joyce Laiosa, Coordinator for the Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award on November 7th at their Friends meeting.

2016 Dewey Fellowship

This is the first year FLS has been eligible to award a Dewey Fellowship, thanks to a grant from NYLA, funded by the Lake Placid Education Foundation. This Fellowship covers all NYLA conference costs including registration fees, travel, meals and lodging. FLS's first Dewey Fellow is Kitty Bressington, President of the Friends of the Avon Free Library. FLS will be able to award a Dewey Fellowship every two years.

Passing of the Gavel to Incoming President Janet Kreason

Stepping down after a very busy year as President of the Friends of Libraries Section, Sarah passed the gavel to Janet Kreason, President 2016-2017. Sarah noted that she has worked with Janet on many NYLA and Youth Services Section projects over the years; she regards Janet highly and knows that she is leaving FLS in great hands.

Installation of the 2016-2017 FLS Board

Janet introduced the new Executive Board for the upcoming year: Sarah Sachs, Past President; Rebecca Fuss, Vice President and NYLA Conference Curator; Terry Mulee, Second Vice President; Randall Enos, President Emeritus; Lynne Madden, Secretary; Jennifer Kegler, Treasurer; Lisa Wemett, FLS Liaison to NYLA Continuing Education Committee; Member at Large, Marie Orlando, and Joyce Laiosa, Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award Coordinator. (Members At Large, Vicki Kosovac, Leslie Riley, Sue Swanton, Betsy Sywetz, Ristiina Wigg, Frank Van Zanten were unable to attend).

Adjournment

After noting how continually impressed she is with the Friends groups across New York, President Janet Kreason encouraged all members to contact any of the Board with ideas, input or need for support. Rocco Staino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Laiosa seconded. Approved. The meeting ended at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Madden, Secretary