LAMS Board Meeting  
Friday, April 10, 2015  
Mid Hudson Library System, Poughkeepsie, NY

Meeting called to order: 10:40am.

**Attendees:** Robert Carle, Lauren Comito, Julie Dempsey, Claudia Depkin, Ed Falcone, Rebecca Lubin, Barbara Madonna, Richard Naylor, Frank Rees, Gillian Thorpe.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**
Frank moved to accept the minutes, Richard seconded. Minutes approved.

3. **Treasurer’s Report:**
Ed reported closing balance to date, $14,554.68. There was a discussion on expenditures. Richard moved to accept the report, Frank seconded.

4. **Confirmation of electronic votes:**
There were no electronic notes.

5. **NYLA Liaison Reports**

**NYLA Council** (Lauren & Claudia):
- Comments made on financial statements.
- There was discussion on NYLA awards and how few people are applying for them.
- It was mentioned to hold local events to promote membership.

**Legislative Committee** (Lauren said everyone was pleased that the budget included a $5 million increase over the previous year. Frank asked if any legislative priorities were being proposed for next year.

**Membership Committee** Julie reported on a monthly phone conference that focused on new ideas to gain new members. Brief discussion ensued.

**Continuing Ed** : Barbara reached out to Jeremy to let him know that she is the new liaison for the Continuing Ed Committee, and she is waiting to hear from him on what she should do next.

**JLAMS**: Richard announced there would be eight new articles for the fall edition.

**Web and Social Media** : Gillian said we are receiving a lot of Facebook activity.

**Scholarship Committee** : Julie and Claudia said the NYLA Leadership and Management Academy Scholarship needs to be promoted on the NYLA website. We set the scholarship deadline for June 15th.
6. Old Business

**New Board Member Search:** We deeply considered the new LAMS Board member candidates, and after discussing each prospect individually, the Board enthusiastically selected Amanda E. Perrine, Jennifer Cannell, and Anna Lee Giraldo.

**NYLA Conference:** Frank said the schedule has been finalized. *(Frank handed out both the conference schedule and the LAMS luncheon schedule Room monitor sheet went around the table.)* Once again, Gillian volunteered to help with the booth. Lauren said she would ask Bridgett Ann Carey to join *I Still Don’t want to Talk About It* program. Rebecca recommended Adam Goodman, director of the Northwestern University Center for Leadership, as an excellent speaker for a future conference.

**E-Book Update:** Richard announced that Kobo bought OverDrive, which led to a discussion. The topic turned to who should become the next president-elect, and the responsibilities the office holds. Barbara Madonna volunteered to take on the office following Frank’s term.

7. New Business

**ULU Conference:** Lauren said 150 people already registered for the next conference. Ed attended this year, and said ULU is growing and getting better every year.

Below is a topic I did not understand. Please help me with this section. I am including it in the minutes because a motion is involved:

**Literacy Landmarks:** Friends of the library Roundtable. They or someone else is trying to raise money for a plaque. They have $1000 and they are trying to reach $1600.

**Motion:** Barbara moved to donate $100.00 for this fund raiser. Rebecca seconded. Motion approved.

**Meeting adjournment**
Claudia moved to adjourn the meeting, Rebecca seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

**Next Meeting:** TBA

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Carle, Secretary.