LAMS Board Meeting
Wed., November 7, 2012
NYLA Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY

Attendees: Tim Burke, Claudia Depkin, Mary Trev Thomas, Rebekkah-Smith Aldrich, Rob Carle, Ed Falcone, Rebecca Lubin, Frank Rees, Gillian Thorpe, Lauren Britton, Lauren Comito
Excused: Pat Kaufman, Richard Naylor

Meeting called to order: 8:40pm

Approval of Minutes: Claudia moved to accept the minutes from the September 28, 2012 meeting. Frank seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: (Copy attached)
Closing balance $22,520.49.

Confirmation of Electronic Votes
There were no electronic votes.

NYLA Council (Tim Burke)
Tim said Jeremy Johannesen wanted to send out a few reminders about the NYLA conference:
- Board members should thank the vendors for participating in the trade show, and talk to them whenever possible.
- To attend the NYLA membership meeting on Friday, at 8:00am.
- The NYLA Conference will be held at Niagara Falls, September 25-28, 2013 (please note the earlier date).

Action taken by NYLA Council: Richard Naylor drafted a resolution on behalf of NYLA for eBook publishers to treat the library community more equitably. The following resolution was passed unanimously:

NYLA eBook Proclamation
WHEREAS, school and public libraries have been legally established for many years in the United States to support our citizens’ right to read, regardless of socioeconomic background, to preserve and disseminate information, and to educate our citizenry; and
WHEREAS, librarians have a professional responsibility to provide a broad range of reading materials for all of our citizens and to support reader’s rights; and
WHEREAS, librarians support publishers and writer profits and fair prices during their times of transition, be it
RESOLVED, that the New York Library Association proclaims that, the one book one reader model should continue to be available for all eBooks, both print and audio, copyrighted in the United States, and be it further
RESOLVED, that all eBooks, print and audio, should be available for no more than their retail price to all public and school libraries.

Tim also mentioned that NYSHEI has approached NYLA about a possible collaboration that could include a merger of the two organizations. Tim explained that he was one of three NYLA Council reps to a team that would be meeting with NYSHEI delegates to discuss this concept. The first meeting is scheduled for Dec. 4.

Membership (Rebecca Lubin)
No report.

Legislative (Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich)
No movement on the list of Legislative Priorities, but there are plans to discuss them at the Legislative Committee meeting on Dec. 12.

LAMS Reports

JLAMS (Richard)
No report.

LAMS Website (Frank)
Frank attended a webinar on the latest Content Management System. He said NYLA was planning to switch back to the old Content Management System.

LAMS Communication (Gillian)
Gillian has been working on the LAMS booth, and on the LAMS Facebook page.

Old Business
LAMS Board elections results:
Gillian Thorpe – Vice President/President Elect
Robert Carle – Secretary
Their terms will begin at the end of the 2012 NYLA Conference.

Last minute review on conference planning:
- Programs all set to go. Program assignments reviewed by board members.
- Luncheon details reviewed.
- Reminder that LAMS will be giving a $1500 honorarium to Carson Block, the luncheon guest speaker.
• LAMS membership meeting will be held at the “I Still Don’t Want to Talk About It!” program on Friday at 2:15pm. Tim will present a series of updates on LAMS, but there is no business to deal with for the LAMS membership.

Lauren C. recommended that we should consider sending the rest of the LAMS socks after the conference is over to the Hurricane Sandy Relief efforts in NYC. The Board was unanimously in favor of this suggestion. Lauren C. volunteered to facilitate the logistics of it.

Also mentioned, the theme for the 2013 NYLA Conference will be, “Libraries Spark Imagination”.

Meeting Visitors
NYLA President, Matthew Bollerman, and President –Elect, Carol Anne Germain entered the room, and they both thanked the LAMS Board for all of their effort over the last year. Tim Burke thanked Matt for his role at NYLA. They then left the meeting.
Later, Jeremy Johanessen, NYLA Executive Director, entered the meeting and stated, “I want to be hearing from you to find out what NYLA can do for the sections.” Tim Burke thanked Jeremy for all that he does [for NYLA], and Jeremy then left the meeting.

New Business
Lauren C. asked LAMS to consider providing some financial support to help ULU (Urban Libraries Unite) sponsor a conference in NYC, “Leading from the Middle”. Tim asked Lauren to submit a written proposal/request for the money by the next LAMS Board meeting so the board could consider it.

Next Meeting
TBD for mid December, 2012.

Claudia moved to adjourn the meeting. Group seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Carle, LAMS Secretary.