NYLA SSL Membership Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2016
NYLA Conference, Saratoga Springs

Meeting called to order: 11:00 am

Attending: Penny Sweeney, Jane Herbst, Pauline Herr, Karen Sperrazza, Sara Kelly Johns, Michelle Miller, Stacey Rattner, Beth Davis, Ellen Rubin, Sue Kowalski, Jill Leinung, Tara Thibaut-Edmonds, Amy Carpenter, Mary Charters, Mary Beth Farr, Gail Brisson

Administration – Susan Polos, President
  ● Jill Leinung called the meeting to order & introduced Susan Polos.

Declaration of Quorum
  ● Susan Polos declared a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes – Gail Brisson, Secretary
  ● Approval of minutes from last membership meeting--Motion: Ellen Rubin; Second, Sue Kowalski. Approved

Treasurer’s Report
  ● Susan Polos:
    ○ Revenue was $25,592.31, including Institute registration.
    ○ Expenses were $16,369.61
    ○ Acceptance of report: Motion: Sue Kowalski; Second: Jane Herbst. Approved

Introduction of board & chairs; Introduction of New Officers and Regional Coordinators: Jill Leinung
  ● Treasurer: Anne Paulson
  ● Secretary: Gail Brisson
  ● Region 6: Molly Clark

Organizational update: Susan Polos
  ● Thanks to Stacey Rattner for organizing Round Table;
• Thanks to Lisa Perkowski & Sara Kelly Johns for organizing a successful summer Institute;
• Thanks to Maria & Tina for organizing the SSL Conference;
• Thanks to Mary & JoBeth for working on the 2018 conference.
• Susan addressed the challenges of the past year and updated the membership on the New York State Education Department picture:
  o SSL & NYLA are working on the mandate for librarians in elementary schools
  o As LMS programs are losing students, there is discussion of alternative pathways to certification.
  o ALA helped get MLS in ESSA & NYLA/SSL is working on getting that included in the NY State plan.

Conference Updates: Stacey Rattner
• Buffalo Conference, May 2017: Registration is open, as is the call for presenters;
• Bus transport from Albany area is being arranged; she urges others around the state to do so as well;
• 2018 conference will be held on Long Island;
• 2019 conference is up in the air.
• Susan Polos urges members to look beyond library conferences for presentation opportunities.
• Sue Kowalski will be the keynote speaker at the YSS conference in Ithaca on April 28.

Other business: Susan Polos
• Jane Herbst & Karen Sperrazza are moving on;
• Congratulations to Jane Herbst & Sue Kowalski for their Battledecks win.

Introduction of President-Elect Penney Sweeney
Passing of gavel to our new NYLA/SSL President, Michelle Miller

Motion to adjourn: Sue Kowalski. Second: Jill Leinung. Approved.

Members then enjoyed a presentation on reading by teacher Val Falco

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Brisson
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