

Western Massachusetts Library Advocates (WMLA)

Meeting

August 9, 2021

Via Zoom

Minutes – Draft

1. Toni called the meeting to order at 2:06.
2. Roll call: Toni Golinski-Foisy, Lynn Blair, Lisa Downing, Anna Lawrence, Mike Moran, Wendy Pearson, Sharon Sharry, Katherine Umstot.
Absent: Nora Blake, Natane Halasz, Mary Kronholm, Jan Resnick, Misha Storm,
3. July 12, 2021 minutes were approved as submitted by Sharon and seconded by Wendy.
4. Treasurer's Report (submitted by Wendy):
Florence Bank Balance on 8/9/2021 - \$6,578.72
Last Statement date - 7/30/2021
Beginning balance: \$6,903.72
Deposits: \$0
Withdrawals: \$500.00
Ending balance: \$6,403.72

A memorial donation in the amount of \$200.00 was made in honor of former WMLA board member Betsy Johnson's daughter on 7/20/2021.

\$175.00 in memberships were deposited on 8/5/2021 that will be reported on next month.

5. Membership Report:

We received one new family membership in July.

6. Board Members Update – Nora has been developing a slate of officers that will be discussed in September to be presented at the annual meeting in October. Katherine will look back at prior suggestions to see if there are any possibilities for new board members. Please send Nora or Toni suggestions for new board members.

7. MLA Legislative Committee - Mike reported that as far as he knows all of the budget proposals were approved as presented including the \$300,000 for the Center for the Book. The committee will meet again in September.

8. MBLC – No report this month. Lisa extended an invitation from the MBLC to participate in [Welcoming Week](#), September 10-19. Katherine will send an email out to our members about it.

9. Annual Meeting/Idea Share – Toni reminded us that the event will be held at the Bluebonnet Diner in Northampton on Thursday, October 28, 2021, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM; the Diner will need a count of attendees by Monday, October 25. An invitation to MLS and MLA will be made.

10. SLIS West Intern program collaborative opportunity - Toni received an email from Eric saying that the Diversity Fellowship with Simmons College is being finalized and includes service to the profession. Eric thought that service on this board might be a good opportunity. Katherine made a motion to amend the bylaws to include a student seat that was seconded by Wendy and approved unanimously. Lisa will amend the bylaws and bring a copy back to the committee at our next meeting. Toni will follow up with Eric to move forward with the student seat.

11. Logo – We will continue our discussion at the September meeting. Sample logos can continue to be shared on the [joint document](#) Anna created.

12. Summer Reading Program - Toni shared the great success of the program at West Springfield. Several libraries indicated that they were delivering programming either virtually, remote, off site, or through make and take kits.

13. Next meeting - September 13 at 3 PM

14. Adjournment - Toni adjourned us at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Downing,

Secretary