

Western Massachusetts Library Advocates

Northfield Library

June 20, 2019

Minutes – draft

WMLA members present: Deb Kern, Katherine Hand, Lyn Coakley, Mary Anne Antonellis, Andrea Bernard, Mary Kronholm, Mike Moran, Nora Blake

WMLA members absent: Joe Rodio, Eliza Langhans, Tony Foisy-Golinsky, Jan Resnick, and Dan Paquette

Guest: Representative Paul Mark

Introductions followed by discussion about legislative issues and library advocacy.

Representative Mark is Chair of Redistricting. Redistricting will be based on the 2020 Census. The 2020 budget includes \$2.5 million for census outreach grants. The budget should be signed soon.

It is important that constituents across the Commonwealth advocate for library funding.

Nominations

Lynn asked questions about ending terms, members who are willing to continue to serve, etc.

Mike will continue to serve.

Nora will be the next President.

Eliza, Deb and Mary Anne have reached their term limits. Dan's term is expiring.

Possible future board members: Andrea Puglisi, Longmeadow, Lynn Blair, Westhampton, Lisa Dowling, Northampton

Summer reading prizes

179 programs have requested prizes. We will package them up at the next meeting, July 18th in Sunderland.

MBLC will meet at the Forbes Library on September 5th, 10 am and in Fitchburg on November 7th.