

**Western Massachusetts Library Advocates (WMLA)**  
**Meeting**  
**March 8, 2021**  
**Via Zoom**  
**Minutes – Draft**

1. Toni called the meeting to order at 2:01
2. Roll call: Toni Golinski-Foisy, Lisa Downing, Mary Kronholm, Anna Lawrence, Wendy Pearson, Mike Moran, Lynn Blair, Jan Resnick, Misha Storm; Guest: Alex Reczkowski, Director of the Berkshire Athenaeum; Absent: Nora Blake, Natane Halasz, Amanda Merk, Sharon Sharry, Katherine Umstot
3. Approval of February 22, 2021 with some minor corrections was approved by Mary and seconded by Mike.
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - Florence Bank Balance on 3/8/2021 - \$6,672.53
  - Statement date - 2/26/2021
  - Beginning balance: \$6516.41
  - Deposits: \$178.12
  - Withdrawals: \$22.00
  - Ending balance: \$ 6672.53Wendy will be filing our taxes for the first time and will report back next month.
5. Membership Report:
  - 1 new business/institution
  - 1 new student/retiree renewal
  - Several renewal reminders were sent by Natane this month.
6. MLA Legislative Update: Committee will be meeting this Friday after the legislative breakfast. Planning is underway for Legislative Days. We should invite our legislators to the legislative day. Mike will share updates as he has them.
7. Library Legislative Breakfast Update: Toni is working with Alex on the agenda. Toni will open the day by giving a welcome and opening statement and the role of WMLA and welcome legislators. Following speakers by MLA - Nora; MSLA; MLS - Sarah S.; CWMARS - Jeanette; Mary will represent the MBLC and then Jan will introduce Commissioner Biancolo, the latest commissioner. Senators and representatives will be invited to speak for the second half of the panel. Toni encouraged us to login a few minutes early.
8. Summer reading planning is on hold for now and still so much is unknown. Lynn reached out to CMLA for suggestions for statewide places to solicit for prizes that have statewide appeal and access. It does not look like the Big E Fair will come through at this point.
9. Jan reported that they made a recommendation for approval of 4 waivers with reservations including Oxford. All 52 waiver applicant communities were approved.
10. Wendy invited a board member to take over the mailchimp role from her. Toni will put that on the agenda for April.
11. Next meeting - April 12 at 2 PM
12. Adjournment - Toni adjourned us at 2:45 PM.