

**WMLA Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom
December 14, 2022**

Call to Order: The meeting began at 3:00pm.

Present: Katya Schapiro, Barbara Wurtzel, Misha Storm, Lisa Downing, Karen Traub, Jan Resnick, Bev Bullock, Wendy Pearson, Nicole Daviau, Elena Pepe-Salutric, Lynn Blair, Mike Moran

Approval of November 9 Minutes: Barbara made a motion to approve, Wendy seconded.

Treasurer's Report: as reported by Wendy Pearson.

WMLA November 2022 Treasurer's Report

Florence Bank Balance on 12/14/2022 - \$6,015.47

Last Statement date - 11/30/2022

Beginning balance: \$5,909.87

Deposits: \$105.60

Withdrawals: \$0

Ending balance: \$6,015.47

Lisa moved, Nicole seconded.

Membership Report: no report, Natane Halasz unable to attend.

Board Member Updates: Kristen Mann is officially hired for the logo project.

MLA Legislative Committee Updates: as reported by Mike Moran. Mike sent the minutes prior to the meeting. Planning on library legislative day- the subcommittee of which will be meeting on Friday. Planning two in person legislative breakfasts. Mike sent a flier created for the last legislative bus trip- there is a discussion of raising rates. Jan adds at one point there was a reduced rate for members. Lisa raises the question of recommending masking on the bus. Mike reminds the group of the dates: Wednesday March 15, 2023 is library legislative day at the statehouse. MLA is talking about a virtual alternative- most likely on the week before. Mike suggests taking a look at dates so there's no conflicting days. A discussion follows of different senators/representatives and their districts- where we can offer breakfasts. Barbara suggests

asking MCLA and Berkshire Community College if they'd like to be involved in WMLA or as a host. Wendy will come up with the venue and the date for the Berkshire breakfast. Mike suggests combining some breakfasts. Lisa asks about doing another year of virtual breakfasts with just an in person statehouse visit. Misha adds that virtual is more convenient for many people. Wendy suggests one of each- Berkshire is open to doing one in person and suggests checking in with Springfield.

MBLC Updates: as reported by Karen Traub. Sharon Shaloo is retiring from the MA Center for the Book. One of the Commissioners, Stacy DeBole, has been appointed the state librarian. The legislative agenda is up on the MBLC website. June Thammasnong has been hired to assist Celeste- service updates will be starting in January, MBLC will be sending out. CMLA is meeting tomorrow- Karen will try to attend. A discussion follows of the email list and sending out WMLA meeting info updates.

Miscellaneous: Lisa will reach out to Becky from CMLA about collaborating on an event. Misha was reading the table minutes from the annual meeting about advocacy and potentially adding to the website. Barbara asks about the legislative breakfasts and whether there used to be a trustee who spoke. Jan adds who used to speak- but states that the speakers that are the most effective are the users. Jan asks if she can purchase the gift card for Antonia Golinski-Foisy- all agree.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourns at 3:56pm.