

## **Fairfield County Library Administrators' Group**

### **Meeting Minutes September 7, 2022**

#### **Hybrid – Zoom & In Person at Trumbull Public Library**

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM

Members present: Scott Jarzombek, Jan Fisher, Sheri Szymanski, Stefan Lyhne, Geri Diorio, Colleen Baille, Andy Forsyth, Allison Murphy, Mary Beth Rassulo, Lynn Zaffino, Brenda McKinley, Douglas Lord.

#### **Minutes**

Sheri Szymanski made a motion to approve the June 8 minutes, seconded by Lynn Zafino. Approved unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Geri Diorio gave a brief report on Lorna's behalf. The \$100 honorarium check for Weir Farm cleared.

#### **Old Business**

- Sheri Szymanski moved that FLAG donate \$100 to the GoFundMe fundraiser to benefit the daughters of Doreen Jacius of East Granby, CT. Seconded by Lynn Zafino. This motion was approved unanimously.
- Geri will approach three recently retired administrators concerning lifetime memberships

#### **New Business**

- The FLAG survey will be sent soon; Doug will email survey materials to Geri
- Next meeting will be in Stratford in October. (This was what we spoke about, but no it's set to be in Fairfield on October 12.)
- The December 7 meeting will be in Ridgefield with the annual holiday lunch

#### **News and Views**

Derby - Scott Brill reported that Derby had a big program called *Silver Sluggers* and is going back to some in-person programs.

Lynn Zaffino from Easton reported having a staff development day and that Easton became aware of a person having issues with certain titles but who did not file a formal challenge.

Stefan Lyhne had a music program in Trumbull called *Boppa Chua* that attracted 100 attendees;

Sheri from Stratford reported having a program with Senegalese and Latin American dancers that also featured food trucks. In September Stratford is having a fundraiser for donors and adult

volunteers and a Mark Twain presenter. The town is still budgeting for 2nd and 6th grade tours, a very helpful continuation.

Colleen Baille from West Haven reported extending the library's hours, there is ongoing hiring and progress on construction of the branch, and the organization is beginning a capital campaign to be called 'The Giving Collaborative.' Additionally, the city is funding Colleen's Digital Navigators program.

Brenda McKinley in Ridgefield has a new Development Director, reported that the summer reading went very well, and that the Ridgecon comic fest was held in-person on 8/27 with over 2,000 attendees. Additionally, Ridgefield held a scholarly book discussion series on H.G. Wells, re-animated their Teen Advocacy Group, and is also re-upping their town occupancy agreement.

Jan Fisher from the Fairfield Library reported on an installed outdoor charging station funded through with ARPA, and that they have an upcoming Friends Foodtruck Fest on 10/2/22.

The CH Booth Library reported that the older portion of the building will be getting an overhaul of the roof slate in October and that the Friends' summer book sale raised \$79K.

Lynn Zaffino from Easton is beginning a Library of Things and has a book sale 10/2 with a related preview sale.

Allison Murphy from the E.C. Scranton Library in Madison mentioned lots of hiring with outgoing retirements and incoming Gen Zers. The library is short-staffed, needing a head of ref, LTA, part-timers, a teen librarian and a facilities attendant. Scranton's Library of Things has two bicycles.

Andy Forsyth of Ridgefield spoke about the upcoming CLA Leadership Institute.

### **Program**

Author Deborah Levinson spoke about her book The Crate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Lord | FLAG Secretary