

## **Minutes of the NJSLA Board Meeting of 03/06/02**

held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bridgewater, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:05 p.m. Those in attendance were: Anne Kneller, Mary Kay Joyce, Sherry Markowitz, Miranda Scott, Cheryl Erenberg, Kate Creegan, Elizabeth Arnold, Laura Antos and Fay Austin.

The approval of the minutes for the October 29, 2001 meeting was done by email. Approval was unanimous. Rita Reisman was absent so there was no president's report at this meeting. The president-elect Miranda Scott announced that Alice Rankin lecture will be on April 3, 2002 and that the annual business meeting will be on May 23, 2002. Both events will be held at the Somerset Hills Hotel in Warren, New Jersey.

The treasurer's report appended to this email is the year-end report and does not include the deduction of \$450 owed to the Princeton-Trenton Chapter. In addition the SLA stipend, which is based on paid membership, had not been received at the time of the meeting. Based on current membership we expect to receive approximately \$5,000.00 from SLA. There was no report from the Director of Administration Sherry Markowitz. There was no news from the bylaws committee. Since some of the committees are dormant this year there were no other reports at this time.

### **New Business:**

The past president, Anne Kneller, reminded those present that it was time to nominate members for the incoming Board. Since the new officers have to be elected at the business meeting in May. She also reported on the "twinning" initiative proposed by SLA Headquarters. This arrangement will require a sponsoring chapter to pay two years of membership dues to SLA for a librarian from a developing country. The total amount for the two year membership is \$246.60 and the librarian receiving the sponsorship will be required to pay \$27.40 US. After a brief discussion, Sherry Markowitz moved that our chapter sponsor one librarian. This was seconded by Mary Kay Joyce and the vote carried unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

The proposal to send a donation to NY Librarians affected by the 9/11 terrorist attack was voted down. No fund had been established by SLA Headquarters and those present voted not to send a donation to a general 9/11 fund. After the discussion of the old business there were a few additional committee reports from those who arrived late.

Elizabeth Arnold reported on the electronic newsletter/bulletin. It has been well received and only six people had requested printed copies. The deadline for information to be in the next bulletin is April 1, 2002. The bulletin is expected to be available by the end of April.

Kate Creegan requested feedback on the newly redesigned website. There were a few suggestions to improve the management of information given through the website. One included the creation of a separate page for meeting minutes. Generally, all present felt that the site was well done.

Cheryl Erenberg reported that we had received commitments for all sponsorships needed for our meetings this year. Some of the money has already been received. She also suggested that each sponsor at the level of \$400.00 or more be allowed to send one representative, free of charge to the meeting sponsored. This was unanimously approved the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Fay A. Austin, NJ JLA Secretary