

The 2007 Annual Business Meeting of the Special Library Association – Pittsburgh Chapter was held on Thursday, December 6, at The Chadwick in Wexford, PA prior to the Awards Ceremony and Holiday Party.

Call to Order

President Rachel Callison brought the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Treasurer's Report (Sallie Smith)

Sallie reported that there is approximately \$2,486 in the checking account, \$6,979 in the pooled savings account, and \$1,000 in the student scholarship fund.

Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2006 (Marge Rhodes)

Copies of last year's annual meeting were distributed to attendees and approved without changes.

Committee Chair Reports

Bulletin (Amy Watson)

Amy reported there were three issues of *The Confluence* in 2007. The most popular column was profiles of members and libraries. She requested nominations for upcoming profiles. The next issue of *The Confluence* will be available on Monday, December 10. Issues in 2008 will be published in April, August, and December.

Consultations (Denise Callihan)

Denise reported that the Animal Friends Library is a work in progress. An intern from the University of Pittsburgh started a needs assessment this summer. In January another intern, a former Animal Friends volunteer, will begin a field placement. Denise encouraged other members to volunteer.

Directors (Denise Callihan and Ester Nathanson)

Esther Nathanson's term as director ended this evening.

Listserv (Betsey Tuttle)

Betsey reported that most chapter members are part of the listserv. The number of current participants is 127.

Membership (John Fudrow)

John reported that there are 107 active chapter members; 31 were new in 2007. He is establishing a page in Facebook to track new members. Amy Watson suggested that members check to see if the SLA website lists their involvement in the Pittsburgh chapter.

Professional Development (Denise Callihan)

There was no news to report.

Programming (Amy Watson)

There were nine local programs and one SLA conference gathering in 2007. The largest program included 37 people at the Vivisimo presentation. Upcoming in January 2008 is a night at the Pittsburgh Symphony.

Networking (Lynn Berard)

Lynn asked for ideas to encourage networking with other professional groups.

Nominations Committee (Denise Callihan, Eve Wider, and Jamie Yoder)

Jamie Yoder sent biographical profiles of the candidates for the Pittsburgh Chapter for 2008/2009 in an email on December 4. The candidates included:

- Donna Beck for President-Elect
- Brian Steinmetz for Treasurer
- Kim Gregory for Director

Rachel Callison asked if there were any nominations from meeting attendees; there were none. Attendees unanimously elected the above candidates.

Student Relations (Amy Watson and Rachel Callison)

On November 27 eighteen students attended the networking event held at Joe Mama's in Oakland. The program included a panel discussion and an appetizer bar. There was no fee for students to attend. Edna Reed is the new Clarion University of Pennsylvania faculty liaison. Currently there is no faculty liaison at University of Pittsburgh.

Website (Rachel Callison)

Rachel reported that a new addition to the website were event photos hosted by Flickr. Future projects include branding, updating the chapter directory, and possibly setting up a wiki. Volunteers are needed.

Old Business

There was no old business reported.

New Business

Amy Watson announced that there was a holiday card for Bob Sullivan, a member who is battling cancer. She encouraged members to sign it and send emails of encouragement to Bob. Amy also suggested establishing a standing internship for the Chapter Archives project.

Adjournment

The official business meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Following the business meeting Rachel Callison and Amy Watson delivered their President and President-Elect messages, respectively. Ange Pollis, the Awards Chair, bestowed chapter awards.

Respectively submitted
Marge Rhodes
Chapter Secretary