

Minutes – O/H SLS Council Meeting, September 27, 2019

Fred Berowski, HCCC Leeann Dooley, Little Falls Wendy Egresits, Whitesboro Tanya Gadziala, Mount Markham	Vicky Greenman, Richfield Springs Jocelyn Ireland, MVCC Steve Inzer, Central Valley Margaret McNamara, Holland Patent	Carol Rahme, Utica Heather Urtz, MidYork Marc Wildman, CLRC Karen Zaleski, Clinton
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Absent: Leeann Dooley, Wendy Egresits, Jocelyn Ireland, Marc Wildman, Karen Zaleski

- I. Meeting called to order by Margaret McNamara at 1:31 pm.
- II. Introductions – Council members introduced themselves. Betsy Hartnett noted that there are two more vacancies on the Council; Cindy Staley and Zane Mahar have both left their positions, and created openings that will need to be filled.
- III. Election of Officers – Steve Inzer proposed that the current officers be retained for this year, with Margaret McNamara as President and Heather Urtz Vice President. All members were in favor of this proposal.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the June 4 meeting were reviewed. Janice Murray asked for clarification on the issue of who is eligible to receive the scholarship to attend the NYLA SSL Conference in Syracuse. Steve Inzer suggested that it be opened to all library staff. Discussion was held and the Council was in agreement that this be done. Fred Berowski moved that the minutes be approved with this amendment noted. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. Annual Report – Betsy presented the Annual Report for review. Steve Inzer noted that his school address should be changed. Carole Rahme corrected her location. With those changes, Carole Rahme moved that the Annual Report be approved; Janice Murray seconded the motion. Annual Report was approved unanimously.
- VI. Plan of Service – the current Plan of Service goes to 2021. Betsy shared new guidelines from the State Education Department that advise us to add more information to the Cooperative Collection Development plan. Work on a new Plan of Service will be done throughout this school year.
- VII. Member Plan – at one point during every five year plan of service (2016-2021), a self-evaluation must be done for every library. Currently the SLMPE rubric is used as the measuring tool for this evaluation. An updated School Library Evaluation has been created and is under review by State Education. That will be the new metric for assessing school libraries if it is approved before December 2019. If that review is not complete by December 2019, the SLMPE rubric will be used again. This program evaluation can be considered a good advocacy tool for every library.

VIII. Foci for 2019-2020 –

- A. The 2018-2019 focus was on lesson writing and creation of the accompanying online class. That course will be refined, with the expectation that it will be in use by January 2020.
- B. An ongoing theme for the 2019-2020 year's professional development will be equity and inclusivity in the school library. Collection development and diversity of collections to serve all students will be part of this theme. The September C3 meeting laid the groundwork for this stream of development. Leatherstocking Conference will continue this, "Reflecting the World through the School Library," with Ellen Oh as the keynote speaker, and London Ladd, illustrator, the featured speaker. The October 10 CLRC meeting will have Lyndon Cudlitz as the featured speaker, discussing gender awareness. Betsy Hartnett will attend that meeting, and determine whether or not Lyndon Cudlitz would be appropriate for a presentation in our consortium. In addition, work will continue on developing lessons for a grade K-6 library curriculum. A request for lessons at the grade 7 and 8 level has been received, and that will be started, with the expectation that this will carry over into the following year.

IX. Other –

- A. Carole Rahme will begin working with home and careers teachers in November. She asked for suggestions on how to approach the project. Janice Murray suggested that she take the project in pieces, with small assignments. Betsy Hartnett suggested that she start with a high interest topic, such as vaping, in order to engage the teachers and students from the very start. (Example: compare Juul advertising with Marlboro advertising). Betsy also volunteered to work with the junior high school librarians in Utica, and perhaps turn this into a region wide project. Margaret McNamara suggested that career exploration would also be a good theme.
- B. Margaret McNamara requested that a copyright attorney as a speaker, or copyright resources, be provided to the region. Betsy Hartnett showed members the resources that are posted on the School Library System webpage, and will look into have a speaker come, perhaps on Superintendents Conference Day.

- X. Motion to Adjourn – Carole Rahme moved that the meeting be adjourned; Tanya Gadziala seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

cc: Building Principal/Supervisor
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