



Approved Meeting minutes

Date: March 10, 2021

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Michael Bartolomeo, Anthony Giansante, Alison Mirabella, Mary O'Grady, Chris DeCristofaro, Debbie Antolini, Roseanna Mammina, Nicole Parisi, James Hansen, Anthony Bliss, Stephen Burg, Sara Fade

Non-Attendees: Nick Tanzi

Call To Order: 10:02 a.m.

Approval of the minutes:

- Corrections:
 - None
- Approved by:
 - Roseanna Mammina
 - Anthony Giansante

Treasurer's Report:

- James reported: Balance \$2,385.97 as of January 31, 2021

President's Report:

- I attended the SCLA Board Meeting last month (2/19/21).
 - At the previous meeting I brought up the possibility of SCLA purchasing its own Zoom account which they confirmed at this meeting they will do. They also noted that NYLA has four Zoom accounts all with the webinar features that we can use as well.
 - The primary focuses of the meeting were the Professional Development Series in May and ways to increase awareness and membership for SCLA. We discussed drafting letters to trustees asking them to join, as well as letters to directors about organizational membership.
 - The SCLA Annual Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 6-10pm at the Meadow Edge at West Sayville Country Club. The goal is to have the event be in-person. The committee will continue to monitor COVID-19 event restrictions. I did not ask but I assume we will be asked in the future to provide a gift basket like in previous years for the dinner.

Archives: Send documents for archives to sclacatsarchive@gmail.com.

Technology Information Forum (TIF):

- Chris reported. February 11th TIF meeting had 28 attendees including 4-5 from Nassau County.
- Next meeting will be on March 11 at 2pm, a joint meeting with Nassau County. Robyn Petrik of MeeScan will demonstrate a new form of Library Self Check. Jonathon Greene of Sachem Library will discuss engineering behind their Winter Wonderland Garden of Lights event.

Hospitality: None

Membership: 92 active members

Newsletter:

- May newsletter is planned, send ideas to Michael

Publicity:

- Discussed idea of email blast to invite members to attend monthly CATS meetings.
- Discussed adding meeting information to newsletter.

Programs:

- May: Health/Wellness Program covering fitness & meditation apps to be run by Allison and Anthony G. Allison will create blurb & flyer. 1 hour program, date and time TBD.
- Mid-Year speaker confirmed, Scott Jarzombek, Albany Public Library. Selected date: August 4 or alternate date of July 28. Topic: TBD.
- Tinkercad Program in the Fall, Anthony Bliss will run, discussed program. "Primer to Tinkercad". Focus toward librarians. Program will be 45 minutes-1 hour long.

Web Site:

- Stephen reported. Website updated with approved meeting minutes.
- 2021 CATS Officers need to be added to webpage.

Old Business:

- NYLA 2021 Conference will be held in Syracuse, Nov. 3-6. Discussed scholarship details:
 - Approx. Cost Early Bird Registration: \$213-283, member vs. non-member fee (Hotel add \$200/night)(Flight/Travel add \$200)
 - Agreed to select 1 CATS member and 1 student/non-member to attend
 - Discussed covering virtual attendance fee vs. in-person attendance fee
 - Early bird likely starts late July for determining pricing & attendance options
 - Discussed using Google form for opting into raffle for member scholarship; essay component for student scholarship
 - Essay topic: Why do you want to attend NYLA conference?
 - Create blurb to send to library schools regarding NYLA conference scholarship; highlight the importance of a CATS membership
 - Michael will look into procedure for NYLA/SCLA gift memberships

New Business:

- Request from SCLA Membership Committee. CATS to submit a brief description/reason why members should join CATS. Needed by end of April. Board members should email ideas to Anthony G. and he will compile description.

Next Meeting: April 14th at 10 am

Adjournment: 10:45 am

- Approved by Anthony Bliss
- Seconded by Stephen Burg

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Grady, Recording Secretary