



Approved Meeting Minutes

Date: January 3, 2024

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: SCLS Blue Room

Attendees: Bob Johnson, Mary O'Grady, Alison Mirabella, Danielle Bliss, Nicole Parisi Eberle, Stephen Burg, Anthony Giansante, Steve Alcalde, Debbie Antolini, Michael Bartolomeo, Sara Fade, Samantha Uebel, Rebecca Goldstein

Non-Attendees: Julia Sukhu, Chris DeCristofaro, Roseann Mammina, Andrew Tarantowicz

Call To Order: 10:00 a.m.

Approval of December 2023 minutes:

- Corrections: none
- Approved by:
 - Samantha Uebel
 - Steve Alcalde

Treasurer's Report:

- Alison reported. Balance as of November 30th is \$2,044.60
- Current cleared checks total about \$1,507, estimated current balance \$500
- Rebecca reported that SCLA distributes \$500 to each division in January.
- Reminder to board members to renew their SCLA/CATS memberships.

President's Report:

Bob reported. Annual meeting was a big success! Julia attended SCLA meeting on December 15.

- February 7 is Advocacy Day; 55 seat bus being reserved
- NYLA has link to request Governor Hochul increase State Aid for Libraries
- LILC will have no early bird registration this year

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

- Bob will determine login information and account access
- Rebecca will maintain archives and monitor archives email

Technology Information Forum (TIF):

- Alison reported. December was annual joint meeting with CATS.
- Next meeting: January 11, 2pm, Joint meeting with NCLA via zoom
- Discussed in-person, hybrid option for meetings going forward

East End Tech Coalition (EETC):

- Steve A. reported. Nick Tanzi presenting AI in Libraries: Possibilities and Peril on January 16th at 10am. Rogers Memorial Library. Sponsored by CATS and EETC. 50 registrants. Breakfast will be donated by board members.
- Tech Time program to be run bi-monthly. Summer Tech Time program July 9 at SCLS.

Tech Services Roundtable Committee:

- Debbie reported. Possible March date for next meeting.

Hospitality: Debbie reported. Bob donated meeting refreshments from Dunkin Donuts.

- Discussed pursuing refreshment donations for larger meetings
- Bob will research tax exempt status via SCLA

Membership: Numbers received from SCLA. Alison will pursue.

Newsletter: Sam volunteered! Discussed quarterly publications. Take picture of CATS board at next meeting for newsletter.

Publicity: Sam will be unifier of flyers.

Programs:

- LILC awaiting approval of submitted programs, sometime later in January.
- Managing Your Library Website with Drupal, Jan. 9, 10am, Stephen Ingram, 23 registrants

Web Site & Social Media:

- Stephen B. reported. Minutes updated on webpage.
- Bob stated everything should be posted to webpage.
- Send Stephen JPEGs of flyers & links for posting, he will post 2024 board members and meeting dates; will also post Nick Tanzi program "AI in Libraries". Needs blurb of annual meeting, Bob will send.

Old Business:

- LILRC Conference programs submitted:
 - Ask me Anything: Woman and Technology
 - Teaching Technology, joint with NCLA
 - Getting Your Library AI-Ready, Nick Tanzi
 - Tech, Trends, and Teens at the Public Library... Oh My!, Liz Hughes
 - Smart Hydroponic Community Garden In Libraries, Anthony Giansante and Chris Sarubbi
 - Adventures in Parenting podcast, Jessi Bouchelle. Joint with CLASC.
 - Maximizing Your Seed Library's Potential
 - Meet the Challenge: Organize, Advocate & Overcome, Steve Alcalde

New Business:

- Discussed fundraising: donation option, QR code, Venmo. Bob will follow-up re Venmo at SCLA meeting. Look into Zeffy non-profit option. Discussion to continue.
- Discussed CEUs for CATS programs; possible iPad use for sign-in and tracking
- Tote bags for Advocacy Day. SCLA will do purchasing, volunteers will compile bags, approximately 50 bags in total.
- 2024 CATS meeting dates through August: Thursday mornings:
 - February 1
 - March 7
 - April 4
 - May 2
 - June 6

Motion to approve:

- Approved by Alison Mirabella
- Seconded by Steve Alcalde
- Division Highlights:
 - Bob reported the new café, operated by Level Up, has opened at Emma S. Clark Memorial Library.

Next Meeting:

- February 1, Thursday, 10am, SCLS

Adjournment: 11:32 a.m.

- Approved by Sara Fade
- Seconded by Stephen Burg

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Grady, Recording Secretary