



Approved Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2025

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: SCLS Blue Room & Zoom

Attendees: Steve Alcalde, Mary O’Grady, Julia Sukhu, Alison Mirabella, Bob Johnson, Stephen Burg, Sara Fade, Anthony Giansante, Michael Bartolomeo, Rebecca Goldstein, Cindy Ilardi, Anthony Zutter, Andrew Tarantowicz, Tory Young, Guest: Tim Spindler (LILRC Executive Director)

Non-Attendees: Nicole Parisi Eberle, Roseann Mammina

Call To Order: 10:03 a.m.

Approval of December 2024 minutes:

- Corrections: Move Cindy Ilardi to attendee section
- Approved by:
 - Anthony Giansante
 - Alison Mirabella

President’s Report:

Steve reported.

- Thank you Bob for your role as CATS President last year.
- Plan to keep programs and raffle baskets flowing throughout upcoming year.
- Board members are required to have current membership status in SCLA and CATS.
- Secretary, Mary O’Grady, should attend SCLA January 17th meeting for Wild Apricot training and CEU certificates.
- Guest speaker, Tim Spindler (LILRC Executive Director) discussed the Long Island Digital Inclusion Coalition and requested CATS board input.
 - Hotspots very popular
 - Discounted Internet Flyers
 - Digital literacy classes
 - Digital navigator in libraries for communities
 - Discussed SCLS having staff training for digital literacy
 - Empathy & technophobia considerations
 - One-on-one tech appointments

Treasurer’s Report:

- Julia reported. No balance for December. Receipts received from Bob for annual meeting.

Archives: Rebecca appointed. Send documents for archives to sclacatsarchive@gmail.com.
Bob will locate password.

Committee Reports

- Technology Information Forum (TIF)
 - Alison reported. Joint TIF/CATS meeting in December, no meeting in January. Meetings for year to be planned. Need co-chair. Motion to approve Andrew Tarantowicz:
 - Approved by Bob Johnson
 - Seconded by Stephen Burg
- East End Tech Coalition (EETC)
 - Steve A. & Anthony G. reported. Meeting TBD.
- Tech Services Roundtable
 - Cindy reported. February 27 meeting to be held at Longwood Library.

Hospitality: Anthony G. appointed, Bob to assist. Anthony spent \$29.98 on Dunkin Donuts for meeting refreshments.

Membership: No update.

Newsletter: Quarterly newsletter. Nicole to be contacted. Group picture will be taken next meeting.

Publicity: No update.

Programs: Discussed having 1 or 2 programs quarterly:

- Tech Programming on a Budget, Michael B., mid-February meeting via zoom
- IT Social Worker Training Program
- One-on-One Training
- Program series (possibly 3 with completion certificate): Alison & Anthony G., possible topic Digital Inclusion

Emerging Tech:

- Requested two volunteers to report on new technologies. Anthony Zutter appointed.

Web Site & Social Media:

- Stephen B. reported. Minutes updated on webpage. Requested LILC items/flyers to post. Mary will send 2025 CATS slate for posting.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Steve B. to host a meeting at his new building, date TBD.
- February 5, Advocacy Day
- Discussed CATS charging non-members for attending programs, possibly \$3. Agreed to accept donations for 6 months and then review charging a fee.
- 2025 CATS meeting dates through August, Wednesday mornings:
 - February 12
 - March 5
 - April 2
 - May 7
 - June 4
 - July & August: off

Division Highlights:

- Steve A. announced Rogers Memorial Library is closing for 2 months due to renovations. Partial opening planned for March-June.

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12th

Adjournment: 11:33 a.m.

- Approved Stephen Burg
- Seconded by Alison Mirabella

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Grady, Recording Secretary